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I must therefore confine myself to mentioning a few disconnected observations that testify to the fact of intense disturbances having taken place.

From the passes between Kiogarh No. 1 and No. 2 and Kiogarh No. 2 and No. 3 branches of a small river run down towards south-west to a valley bounded on the north-west and south-east by ridges. The ridge north-west of this valley is composed, as far as the upper flysch is concerned, entirely of the red shales (4a) and the black shales (4b), the latter rich in ferruginous concretions. On these shales follow immediately the igneous rocks, the rest of the upper flysch series being entirely absent.

On the ridge south-east of the same valley the Gieumal sandstone is overlaid by the red and green shales (4a) and the black shales (4b). Light brown patches, produced by the weathering of the flaggy limestones, appear in several places and seem to indicate that the shales are folded. Higher up the tuffs (4f) appear. These are overlaid by black shales (4b) and these again by tuffs. The latter eventually disappear beneath igneous rocks.

Between these two ridges, at the base of Kiogarh No. 2, one exposure is as follows: flaggy limestones and shales (4b) are laid into narrow zigzag folds. Above this follows an outcrop of tuffs (4f) covered higher up by débris from Kiogarh No. 2.

The upper part of the flysch ridge ascending to Kiogarh No. 3 from Malla Kiogarh I. E. G. is very similar to the foregoing. It is composed almost entirely of the black shales (4b), but here remains of the sandstones (4c) crop out from among the shales. The latter reach up to the débris that surrounds the base of the peak.

In the nullah ascending to the Sami pass black shales with brown flaggy limestones (4b) and tuffs (4f) are seen folded into each other. The brown sandstones (4c) occur here too, but there is no trace of the sandstones (4e). Outcrops of tuffs are again met with higher up on either side of the nullah about half a mile south of the pass. The beds are horizontal and are covered below Sami E. G. by volcanics with completely altered limestone blocks.

South-east towards the Kiogarh-Chaldu pass the same

features prevail as in the above described ridges. But near the pass the sandstones with fucoids (4f) come in and form the ridge over which the pass leads into Hundés.

2.—*The volcanics and exotic blocks.*

*Volcanics.*—In the Kiogarh high plateau the volcanics attain their highest development. The thickness of these rocks is more considerable than either north or south of the high plateau and the number and rise of the exotic blocks exceeds anything seen elsewhere. On the whole we can distinguish a lower and an upper division. The

*Two divisions.* lower one is composed of lavas, including small and large limestone and sandstone blocks, while the upper division represents a gigantic accumulation of igneous and non-igneous rocks in which grey limestones prevail, mixed with dark lavas and smaller blocks of red limestone.

These two divisions are well seen in the south-west scarp of the Kiogarh high plateau, whereas in the north-west and north-east slope of Kiogarh No. 1 they are but indistinctly marked.

At the south-west slope of Kiogarh No. 1 and to the north of the Kiogarh-Chaldu pass outcrops of solid igneous rocks are seen which are practically free from foreign elements. Everywhere else exotic blocks abound, being of all possible sizes and various descriptions.

*Exotic Blocks.*—Red and grey limestones are most common. They are greatly altered, traversed by intrusive veins and often perfectly saturated with igneous matter, which has entered all the minor fissures. In addition to this they have undergone great crushing. This not only appears from the abundance of faults, but also from the folded intrusive veins. Red and grey limestones are completely mixed up with each other. In the ridge ascending from south-west towards Kiogarh No. 1, I met with a block of thin-bedded, red limestone, shut in between two large masses of grey limestone.

*Scarcity of fossils.*—The limestones are mostly devoid of any fossil remains and I have only been able to trace "one fossiliferous horizon. A loose block from near Malla Sangcha E. G., yielded a number of *brachio-*

*Permian-carboniferous.*

with types described from the peak Chirchun No. 1. In spite of many days' search all over the Johar side of the Kiogarh plateau, I did not find a single fossiliferous block *in situ*.

Greenish grey sandstone blocks are also often seen, but nowhere do they alone compose large tracts, as in the Balchdhura heights.

A rare type of block is represented by thin-bedded, brown limestones (4b) of the upper flysch. These crop out from volcanic débris at the foot of the northern scarp of Kiogarh No. 1. The limestones are greatly contorted but show a general dip towards east (E. B. 3 on map, section 3 on pl. 12).

In describing the actual high plateau we may start from Kiogarh No. 5 and thence proceed towards the north-west. I must remark that, as the watershed forms the boundary of Hundés, which country I was not allowed to enter, my description must of necessity be incomplete.

*Kiogarh No. 5.*—Approaching Kiogarh No. 5 from the Kiogarh-Chaldu pass we soon leave the sandstones with furoids (4e) for the basic igneous rocks, composing the boundary range up to the base of Kiogarh No. 5. They are for the greater part weathered into débris, but in one locality, on the western slope of the boundary range, not far from E. B. 8, an outcrop of lavas with sphæroidal structure is seen. With them is associated the pitchstone breccia described above.

Exotic blocks are seen in many places. The largest (E. B. 8) is represented in the photograph on pl. 7, which distinctly shows the striking contrast between the dark, basic, igneous rocks and the light grey limestones.

Reaching the base of the actual summit of Kiogarh No. 5 we arrive at a larger dolomitic limestone mass rising in steep cliffs to a height of approximately 200 feet. It seems as if it were one huge block, but very likely this is not the case, as igneous rocks crop out in places of the limestone (see drawing pl. 10). I have little doubt that peak Kiogarh No. 5 is like Kiogarh No. 3 (see next page) actually made up of an accumulation of huge limestone blocks mixed with some igneous material, but to ascertain this, the Tibetan side of the mountain should also be examined.

*Ghâtâmémin Pass.*—To the north-west Kiogarh No. 5 descends to the Ghâtâmémin pass, which is within the volcanics. From this pass the narrow Ghâtâmémin valley descends (N 20°E) into Hundés. This valley would probably afford a very good section through the masses composing Kiogarh No. 4 and No. 6. I could see from the pass that in the steep eastern scarp of these peaks igneous rocks are exposed, which include huge grey limestone blocks.

*Kiogarh No. 4.*—Kiogarh No. 4 is on its western and southern slopes almost completely covered over with débris, in which limestones predominate. Patches of dark igneous rocks occur within the limestone débris, as for instance on the ridge descending towards Sami pass.

*Kiogarh No. 3.*—Kiogarh No. 3 is steeply inclined towards south-west, but on the other side gradually descends into the Sami valley. In the woodcut below it may be seen that the peak is not a single block, but consists of several huge blocks, piled upon each other, with volcanics between.

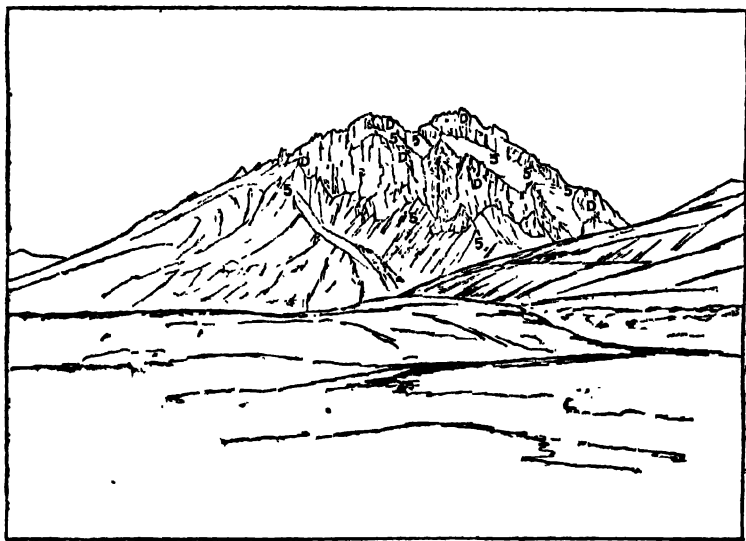


Fig. 3. Kiogarh No. 3 from S.E. (after a photograph).

A longish patch of igneous rocks (diabase according to Mr. Holland's determination of a hand specimen) is seen near the top of Kiogarh No. 3 on pl. 3.

*Kiogarh No. 2.*—Kiogarh No. 2, the lowest of the Kiogarh peaks, is in outline similar to Kiogarh No. 3. This again is more likely an accumulation of limestone blocks than a single block, although I am bound to say that I have not noticed any volcanic material within the limestones.

*Kiogarh No. 1.*—A view from the pass between Kiogarh No. 1 and No. 2 towards the interior of the high plateau is seen on pl. 6. The limestones have all been marked in the photograph as dachsteinkalk although subordinate red limestones are also seen. The plateau is made up of igneous rocks and limestones, which apparently compose the distant peak Ghâtâmémin, seen to the right on the photograph. I noticed thereabouts large masses of densely red limestones, which in tint recall the liassic blocks. The igneous rocks with the limestones included reach towards the west almost up to the summit of Kiogarh No. 1 and there cover a number of huge, grey limestone blocks which on the south-west, north and north-west scarps of Kiogarh No. 1 are exposed in perpendicular walls.<sup>1</sup> In the north-west slope of Kiogarh No. 1 one meets with large blocks everywhere, becoming more and more considerable in size towards the top of the peak.<sup>2</sup>

The photograph on pl. 5 taken from a high ridge in the north-east scarp of Kiogarh No. 1 may serve to give an idea of the coarse, tumultuous accumulation of rocks composing this peak.

*Exotic block in Flysch.*—Before leaving the Kiogarh peaks, mention must be made of a few exotic blocks that occur within the upper flysch near Malla Kiogarh I. E.G. (E. Bs. 4, 5, 6, 7). Blocks 4, 6, 7 are of liassic, block 5 probably of triassic age. All these occurrences are associated with igneous rocks and surrounded by the black

<sup>1</sup> The outlines of these blocks had to be considerably simplified on the map.

<sup>2</sup> Limestones and igneous rocks have been distinguished in the drawing on pl. 2 as far as possible by lettering. But it would be impossible to show the confusion prevailing more than approximately. The limestones, though not exclusively grey, have all been marked as dachsteinkalk.



shales (4b). Block 4 is made up of almost horizontal strata of concretionary limestones, the lower beds being grey, the upper red. I found no fossils in these, but the lithological character of the rock makes its liassic age pretty certain.

Block 5 is a massive, much altered, red limestone, very poor in fossils. It has yielded one ammonite strongly resembling *Sageceras* and appears thus to be of middle or upper triassic age.

Block 6 yielded some specimens of *Arietites*. *Belemnites* and ill-preserved *bivalves* are common in certain earthy layers. The beds have a low dip towards north. I united this block on the map with a small outcrop of presumably liassic limestone to the south-west of it, which is completely unfossiliferous and shows vertical beds.

Block 7 yielded an ill-preserved specimen of *Phylloceras*. Seeing that the dip is the same as in the neighbouring block 6, the two may be connected subterraneously.

It is clear that the occurrence of these igneous rocks and exotic block in the midst of the upper flysch must be due to disturbances. Similar instances will be described below from the area south of the Kiogarh plateau (see also "Results").

(c) **The area south of the Kiogarh Plateau** (Plates 4, 8, 9, and sections 3 and 4 on plate 13).

1.—*Structural features.*

South of the Kiogarh plateau the structure assumes a more complicated character.

**Triasso-jurassic anticline.**—There is to the west the triasso-jurassic anticline, which, appearing underneath the Spiti shales in the ravine of the Kiogarh river somewhat below Talla Kiogarh I. E. G., gradually ascends towards the high peak Lahur (app. 18,000 feet).

East of the anticline a thrust-fault is seen, and what lies east of the latter consists of flysch and the eocene igneous rocks, no older beds than Gieumal sandstone being exposed. The fault appears to have been originally a narrow syncline which was subsequently converted into a thrust-fault with the result that parts of the lower limb of the original syncline were cut out.

The anticline is of a dome shaped character. At the base it is denuded down to the middle jurassic limestones, Spiti shales being preserved in one small patch only. The eastern limb, however, includes Spiti shales, Gieumal sandstone and part of the upper flysch. This limb is generally of a simple structure, the dip being low, but in the neighbourhood of the fault, the structure becomes complicated. I have already described the flexure which suddenly sets in at Talla Kiogarh II. E.G., and further east the beds, chiefly Gieumal sandstones with remains of upper flysch, are laid into narrow zigzag folds until the fault is reached.

We have now to consider the structure of the area to the east of the fault.

Near Kiogarh Chirchun E.G. a magnificent section is exposed, plainly showing an overfold made up of Gieumal sandstone, upper flysch and the eocene volcanics (see pl. 4).

*Over-fold in Flysch.*—The longer limb of the overfold is little disturbed and represents from the Gieumal sandstone up to the sandstones (4e), a normal sequence of beds. Above the last mentioned sandstones the tuffs (4p) should be found, but they must be wanting as they were nowhere observed, a fact which, as will be shown below, must be explained by denudation having preceded the volcanic eruptions. In the case of the overfold a small reversed fault is seen which traverses the brown sandstones (4c), and the hard shales (4d).

In the lower limb, which is partly encumbered by débris, the only flysch divisions visible are the red shales (4a) and the sandstones (4e). This overfold borders to the west on the great thrust-fault. Here

an anticline of Gieumal sandstone is seen, which is covered by remains of the red shales (4a). Between this and the sandstones (4e) the basic igneous rocks have been squeezed out and reduced to a lens-shaped complex, connected with a block of completely altered limestone (E. B. 10), and further north-east in the strike of the fault-plane, there is another very large limestone block of permo-carboniferous age (E. B. 9), which also originally belonged to the lower limb of the overfold, but has been isolated by denudation.

The fault-plane also cuts through the lower part of a ridge situated between two branches of the Kiogarh river (ridge II in section 3, pl. 12). The features are much the same as further south, but there are no igneous rocks seen along the fault. The black shales (4b), here partly preserved, are followed immediately by the sandstones (4c).

Further north the fault could not be traced, but the exotic blocks seen near Malla Kiogarh I. E.G., may be supposed to lie in the strike of the thrust-plane, which may account for the abnormal position of these blocks also.

Towards the south the fault crosses the range and then runs along the western foot of the ridge which bears E. B. 20. The greater part of the flysch is here cut out, but owing to the inaccessibility<sup>1</sup> of this area, the structure could not be cleared up satisfactorily.

*Sections through ridges near Kiogarh Chirchun E. G.*—To the east of the overfold we come upon another complicated section. The beds descend in a low dip to the east and cross the path leading to the Kiogarh-Chirchun pass. At this place one of the branches of the Kiogarh river cuts a ravine through them, thus affording a very good exposure. (See ridge I in section 3 and section 4, pl. 13). At the base of the ridge there are the sandstones (4e) and faulted on top of them a small thickness of shales and sandstones representing part of another mass of division 4e. The beds therefore are doubled owing to a reversed fault (a—a), which is very

<sup>1</sup> To work out this corner I had to camp at 18,000 ft. Unfortunately I was driven down by heavy snow after a short stay.

sharply marked, as the upper sandstone beds can be seen to be cut off abruptly by the fault.

Above the upper sandstone remains of igneous rocks are seen, but the tuffs (4f) are not present here either. The volcanics are overlaid by black shales with thin-bedded brown limestones (4b), the result of a second reversed fault (b—b). Recurring patches of débris from the brown weathering limestones suggest great complications in the structure of sub-division 4b, which have been indicated on the section by a number of diagrammatic folds.

The two faults are also seen in ridge II to the north of Kiogarh Chirchun E.G.<sup>1</sup> We have seen above that in this ridge the sandstones (4e) follow above the great thrust-fault, which traverses the lower part of it. At first these sandstones lie almost flat, but rather more than half way up an eastern dip sets in abruptly, the result of fault a—a. In this ridge the shales, which are noticed in ridge I, are completely cut out. Above the sandstone remains of igneous rocks are found here too, but they disappear at the ridge and are cut out further north. The igneous rocks are here as in ridge I overlaid by black shales (fault b—b). Further north the sandstones (4e) reach as far as Malla Kiogarh I, where they disappear under the shales 4b (pl. 3). South of ridge I, the structure is less clear, but it can be seen that the volcanics swell out considerably in this direction. Here again compact lavas are seen which show the same sphæroidal structure as those near Kiogarh-Chaldu pass. They contain small blocks of a densely red limestone and are associated with breccias made up of andesite and red limestone.

These igneous rocks are connected with those which further west cover the root of the overfold, and this indicates that the sandstones overlying fault a—a in ridge I represent a wedge that thins out towards west. East and south of these igneous rocks shales (4b) are met with, which are no doubt faulted against them (fault b—b in ridge I).

<sup>1</sup> See also view on pl. 3 to the right.

### 2.—The Exotic blocks.

South of the Kiogarh high plateau igneous rocks occur in three patches. The largest of these is very complicated in outline, owing to the disturbances it has undergone. It is remarkable for its very interesting blocks. Of these E. Bs. 9, 13, 15 to 18 and 20 yielded fossils, pointing to permo-carboniferous (9, 13, 15, 18), lower liassic (16, 17) and lower triassic age (20). Other horizons represented are: Gieumal sandstone, dachsteinkalk and upper flysch, sub-division 4b (14 on map). We will first consider the—

*Permo-carboniferous blocks.*—E. B. 9 is the largest of that age found in Malla Johar. It is comparatively little altered, no doubt in consequence of its size. As recorded above, rare permo-carboniferous *brachiopoda* are found in it. A few fossils of this age were also found in blocks 13, 15 and 18. A permo-carboniferous age can safely be inferred with respect to blocks 11 and 12, as large crinoid stems abound in them. Block 10 and several others (left out on map) are of doubtful age. What has been mapped as E. B. 18, is a large number of blocks of red and white limestones (pl. 9). They yielded a few permo-carboniferous species.

*Lower Liassic blocks.*—In the vicinity of E. B. 18 intensely red, conspicuous patches of débris are seen. In these *ammonites* of lower liassic age were found. In one place the limestone is *in situ* (partly to be seen on pl. 9). There it is noticed that the rock is bedded, concretionary, chiefly of red colour but with a few grey layers, thicker than the red beds. It is impossible to say how many liassic blocks were originally present, as they have all been more or less decomposed into large patches of débris. We can distinguish two main occurrences, one (E. B. 17) situated near E. B. 18 and the other, E. B. 16 somewhat higher up near the crest of a ridge running from south to north.

*Lower triassic blocks* (Fig 4 below).—On the frontier ridge south of the liassic crags an occurrence of red limestones with *ammonites*

of lower triassic age was discovered. This again is not a single block but an accumulation of large sized blocks.

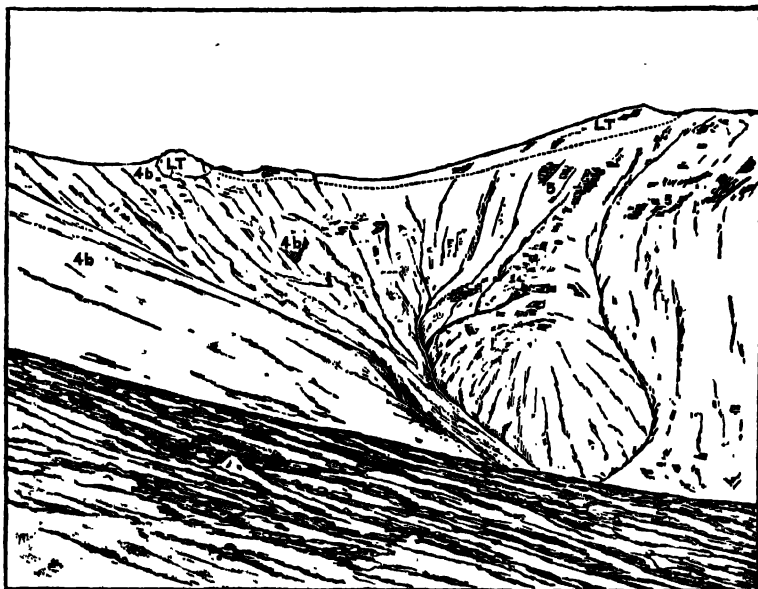


Fig. 4. Exotic block 20 from North.

The collections referred to were made from the small peak seen to the left on the above woodcut.

This small peak consists of rather thin beds, dipping approximately  $80^{\circ}$  south-east and striking south-west to north-east. The limestone is chiefly red with subordinate grey layers. It rests on green andesites and volcanic breccias.

To the east the block borders on the black shales (4b) which compose the boundary range to a short distance beyond the Kiogarh-Chirchun pass. Thin-bedded distorted brown limestones of the upper flysch (4b) crop out from the débris slope south of the E. B.; but I could not determine whether these represent another block or not. Débris of red limestone connects the small block I have just described with similar limestones capping the boundary range further west, which are also underlaid by igneous rocks. This latter

part of E. B. 20 also extends for some distance south, where the boundary range turns round towards peak Kungribingri No. 2. The rock is extremely altered and calcspar veins abound in it, but there is an approximately horizontal bedding seen in places. Traces of *ammonites*, resembling *Danubites* and *Flemingites* are not uncommon, in spite of the altered state of the rock. From the highest point of block 20 (app. 18,500') it may be seen that igneous rocks reach down towards south-east into a valley running in the direction of Chirchun E. G. In this valley exotic blocks also occur.<sup>1</sup>

*Unfossiliferous blocks.*—We now proceed to consider the unfossiliferous blocks.

Sandstone blocks, apparently representing Gieumal sandstone, may be seen almost everywhere, especially near the liassic block No. 16, where they are perfectly denuded out of the igneous rocks and near E. B. 12 (see. pl. 4 and map).

Grey limestones (dachsteinkalk) occur in one or two places in the vicinity of the liassic blocks. The limestone is decomposed into small débris heaps.

E. B. 14 is an occurrence of black shales extremely crushed and weathering rusty brown, which looks exactly like certain palæozoic shales. Ferruginous concretions being common and brown weathering flaggy limestones with plant remains interbedded, there can be no doubt that the occurrence represents sub-division 4b of the upper flysch.

Two small patches of igneous rocks are seen at a short distance to the north and north-east of the Kiogarh-Chirchun pass. The larger of these includes an accumulation of large blocks, mapped as exotic block 19 (pl. 8). This is one of the most conspicuous blocks of the area, but unfortunately is devoid even of traces of fossils. The limestone is much altered, massive, of a red and white streaky colour,

<sup>1</sup> One of these exotic blocks is represented on both Mr. Griesbach's and Dr. Diener's maps. In addition to these I have marked two others which I noticed from a distance.

and in my opinion is of the permo-carboniferous block type. On one side it is bordered by black shales (4b), on the other side by igneous rocks (5).

## V.—RESULTS.

In the preceding chapters all but occasional references to the question of the origin of the exotic blocks has been purposely omitted. The subject is one whose complexity deserves a special treatment, which could not be undertaken before the area had been fully described.

Before proceeding to express my own view, I must deal with the theories applied to the European "Klippen" which are discussed by Diener in connection with the exotic blocks of Tibet and Johar. As, however, none of these holds good in the present case, I do not propose to enter at any length into this subject, and I may be allowed to refer the reader for more detailed information on these theories to Prof. Diener's paper.

*Exotic blocks not due to structural causes.*—It will be found that, with the exception of one, all the theories in question, as well as that advanced by Mr. Griesbach, consider the "Klippen" to be the result of one or the other form of structural causes, be it faulting (Griesbach), crushing of anticlines (Neumayer and Studer-Moesch), or overthrusts (recumbent folds) (Bertrand and others).

One theory (Stache-Uhlig-Renevier) applied to Carpathian and Swiss occurrences, explains the "Klippen" as outcrops of an older series, unconformably overlaid by younger deposits. I need hardly say that in no respect can the latter theory be seriously discussed in connection with the Johar and Chirchun blocks.

Those which assume structural causes would imply that the exotic blocks were brought into existence by the disturbances which lead to the upheaval of the Himalayas. This, however, is not the case. We have seen that the volcanics, which include the blocks, were folded together with the flysch. From this we can only conclude that the volcanics and consequently also the exotic blocks were pre-existent to



those disturbances, and any causal connection between the latter and the blocks is therefore impossible.

Nor is it at all conceivable that folding or faulting should have brought about those features, which were described in the above chapters. None of the theories alluded to would explain the presence of the volcanics and their intimate connection with the exotic blocks.

A simple and as I believe satisfactory solution of the problem is, however, obtained if we attribute the exotic blocks to volcanic outbursts.

We have seen above that the exotic blocks are involved in volcanic rocks and it cannot for a moment be doubtful that both the volcanic and non-volcanic rocks came into existence simultaneously. No more likely conclusion can therefore be drawn, than that the exotic blocks are caused by volcanic eruptions. They must be derived from rocks which were shattered into pieces by steam blasts and hurled up and ejected or floated upwards by erupting lavas through volcanic vents.

The exotic blocks thus must be understood to be fragments, torn from rocks *in situ*, through which the eruptive forces opened their way. In many cases the limestones had been intruded by igneous rocks, previous to their being torn off and ejected, and some of them underwent great pressure subsequently with the result that the veins were plicated.

Let us for a moment put aside those huge masses of grey limestone and Gieumal sandstone, found within the Kiogarh high plateau and the Balchdhura heights respectively and only consider the accumulation of lavas and smaller non-volcanic blocks, which is general in Johar. Numerous instances of similar occurrences from other parts of the world can be quoted, which are universally explained by volcanic outbursts. The fragments of slate, which largely make up the volcanic cones of the Eifel, the fragments of cretaceous limestones found on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius, the abundant non-volcanic materials imbedded in the carboniferous volcanic rocks of the Firth of Forth,<sup>1</sup> sandstones with rhaetic fossils, limestones with liassic fossils

<sup>1</sup> Geikie, Transactions Roy. Soc., Edinburgh, Vol. XXIX, 1880.

and fragments of cretaceous (?) chert, recently discovered in the vent of a tertiary volcano on the Isle of Arran;<sup>1</sup> limestones with fossils included in tufts of the volcano of Santorin;<sup>2</sup> crag-shaped, marmorized limestones and alabaster found in the crater of the volcano Palandokan in Armenia;<sup>3</sup> further, pieces of older rocks, "crowded with crinoids" occurring in the eocene traps of the Indus Valley,<sup>4</sup> all these occurrences fall more or less into line with the exotic blocks of Johar and Tibet. These instances could be greatly augmented, but those mentioned will suffice.

*Counter arguments.*—The theory here advanced was shortly discussed and rejected by Diener in his "Ergebnisse," p. 606. According to him it would be wrong to imagine that the exotic blocks had been torn off from the depth and brought up by igneous rocks, like the ejected fragments of cretaceous limestone in the lavas of Mount Vesuvius. His arguments are that the unaltered state of the limestones of Peak Chirchun No. 1 and the good preservation of the fossils even on the contact with the igneous rocks as well as the absence of contact minerals exclude this theory.

These arguments might, however, be met by counter arguments. First of all we know now that fossiliferous blocks are greatly in the minority, the bulk being entirely altered. Diener himself noticed this near Talla Sangcha (l. c. p. 600), remarking that the limestones are "for the greater part crystalline, marmorized and highly altered in the contact."

On the other hand the little altered state of and the occurrence of well preserved fossils in a few of these innumerable blocks does not tell as much against my theory as Diener was inclined to believe.

The limestones ejected by Mount Vesuvius have yielded several hundred species of shells, which cannot have been of very bad preservation, since they were specifically determinable.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Summary of progress of the Geological Survey of the United Kingdom for 1899, p. 133.

<sup>2</sup> Fritsch Zeitsch. d. Deutsch Geol. Gesellsch, XXIII, 1871, p. 208.

<sup>3</sup> Abich, Geologie des Armenischen Hochlandes, Western half, 1882, p. 76.

<sup>4</sup> Lydekker. Mem. XXII, p. 113.

<sup>5</sup> Judd, Volcanoes, p. 45.

In his description of the carboniferous volcanic rocks of the Firth of Forth basin Sir A. Geikie<sup>1</sup> remarks: "In a great many cases the fragments of shale, sandstone and other sedimentary strata imbedded in the ejected débris are so unchanged that they cannot on a fresh fracture be distinguished from the parent beds at a short distance from the vent. The *Spirifers*, *Lingulae*, *Crinoids*, *Cyprid*-cases, *Ganoid* scales and other fossils are often as fresh and perfect in the fragments of rock imbedded in tuff as they are in the rock *in situ*." Indeed in most of the occurrences compared above with the volcanics of Johar, determinable fossils have been found.

The absence of contact minerals is a still less conclusive objection. Diener himself describes Peak Chirchun No. 1 as being traversed by a dyke and yet no contact minerals were found. Nor have I discovered any near the intrusive veins so often met with in exotic limestone blocks. If then they were not produced by these intrusions, there is no necessity why they should be present at all.

But there is another more powerful objection that might be raised to the theory advanced above.

We have so far not taken into account those huge, grey limestone masses, found within the Kiogarh high plateau and the large masses of Gieumal sandstone occurring in the Balchdhura heights. The size of these blocks is so stupendous, that the impossibility of their being ejected through volcanic vents might be urged. I am unfortunately not in possession of exact data as to the volume of the largest blocks, yet there can be little doubt that some of them are many thousand cubic yards in bulk. To bring up such enormous masses, eruptive forces are required infinitely more violent than those to which the non-volcanic fragmental materials of Mount Vesuvius or the Eifel are due, and yet this is, in my opinion, the only possible explanation.<sup>2</sup> We

<sup>1</sup> Transactions Roy. Soc., Edinburgh, Vol. XXIX, 1880, p. 459.

<sup>2</sup> There can be no question of the large blocks being in origin essentially different from the smaller ones. The limestone fragments met with are of all sizes from small pieces up to huge blocks, the two extremes being linked by every possible intermediate size. On the whole, the higher we ascend in the volcanics, the larger the blocks, but also the largest ones are surrounded and partly covered by igneous rocks, in which small sized limestone fragments occur.

satisfactory collections. The fauna is identical with that described by Diener from Peak Chirchun No. 1, as is proved by the following list of fossils, kindly communicated by Prof. Diener —

- Productus abichi*, Waag.  
 „ *gratosus* „  
 „ *chitichunensis*, Dien.  
*Marginifera typica*, Waag.  
*Enteleles*, sp. ind.  
*Uncinulus timorensis*, Beyr  
*Hemiptychina himalayensis*, Dien.  
*Camorphoria purdoni*, Dien.  
*Spirifer wynnei*, Waag.  
 „ *tibetanus*, Dien.  
*Martinia*, dis. sp.  
*Lyttona* sp. ind.  
*Spirigera royssii*, Lev.

2. *Lower trias* (E. B. 20 on map). One large block was discovered with numerous cephalopoda of lower triassic age, situated about 1½ miles to the north of Kungribingri No. 2 at the right angle formed where the boundary range turns from a south to north direction to the east.

The rock is of a dark red, earthy limestone, thin bedded, with a few grey layers. The cephalopoda are mostly of indifferent preservation being filled by calcite. Most of the fauna collected belong to the genera *Flemingites* and *Danubites*, two very characteristic genera of the Himalayan lower trias (horizon of *Flemingites rohilla*). A common species is *Danubites nivalis*, Dien. Other genera represented are *Meekoceras*, *Hedenstroemia*, *Prosphingites* and a genus similar to *Pseudosagoceras*, Dien. This fauna awaits further examination.<sup>1</sup>

Lower triassic blocks are not recorded from the Chirchun area.

<sup>1</sup> The Meekocerata were recognised to contain species unknown from the horizon of *Flemingites rohilla* of the Himalayan series, while the species common to the latter are wanting in E. B. 20. This points to faunistical peculiarities being present, yet I have little doubt that they are of small importance.

3. *Lower Muschelkalk* (?). On the southern slope of the Balchdhura heights I found a loose block with a few fragmentary and badly preserved ammonites. One of these shows ceratitic sutures, another is in transverse section and sculpture similar to *Procladiscites jasoni*, Dien. This block may be of lower muschelkalk age and equivalent to the lower muschelkalk horizon, discovered by Middlemiss in the Chirchun area.<sup>1</sup> The state of preservation of the fossils excludes any definite statement.

4. *Ladinic or Lower Carnic stage* (E. B. 1 on map, pl. 1, and section 1 on pl. 12). Somewhat below E. B. 1 I found several loose specimens of dark red, very ferruginous limestone with *Daonella indica*, Bitt. As these fragments are lithologically identical with E. B. 1, the fossils must have come from it.

The specimens are of large size, like fig. 11 on pl. vii in Bittner's Memoir on the Brachiopoda and Bivalves of the Himalayan Trias.<sup>2</sup> E. B. 1 consists of thin-bedded limestones, alternating with very thin bands of dark red shales and differs from any other I met with. *Daonella indica* was previously assigned exclusively to the lower carnic stage ("Traumatocrinus limestone" of the Shalshal cliff section with *Joannites cymbiformis*) but has been found subsequently in Spiti and in Painkhanda in the ladinic stage of the muschelkalk too. E. B. 1 may therefore represent either of these horizons.

Blocks with *Daonella indica* are not recorded from the Chirchun area.

5. *Upper Carnic stage* (E. B. 2 on map, section 1 on pl. 12 and pl. 3). About one mile to the north-west of the Balchdhura pass at approximately 18,000 ft. a block was discovered, the richest in fossils and at the same time the least influenced by igneous rocks of any I observed. It is a marble like that of the famous Hallstatt beds of the eastern Alps, bright red, massive, and not in the least earthy.

A very large and well preserved collection of *ammonites* with a few *bivalves* and *brachiopoda* was obtained from this block. I have so

<sup>1</sup> Pal. Ind., Ser. XV, vol II, pt. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Pal. Ind., Ser. XV, vol. III, pt. 2.

far identified the following three species with forms described from the Himalayan "Daonella beds":—

*Cladiscites subaratus*, v. Mojs.

*Phylloceras ebneri*       "       "

*Juvavites (griesbachites) medleyanus*.<sup>1</sup>

The commonest genus of the fauna is *Cladiscites*, a species belonging to the group of *Cladiscites tornatus* being the leading fossil.

Other genera are : *Tropites*, *Arcestes*, *Placites*, *Jovites*, *Nautilus*, etc. Of the rare *Tropites*, species resembling *T. subbullatus*, *T. acutangulus*, *T. barthi*, and *T. spinosus*, v. Mojs., occur.

This fauna also awaits detailed examination.

There can be no doubt that it represents the *Tropites* horizon of the carnic stage, being equivalent to the "Subbullatus beds" of the Alps and the *Tropites* limestone of Spiti and Byans.

The loose block with *Jovites n. f.* ind. ex. aff. *J. bosnensis* found by Mr. Griesbach near Talla Sangcha E. G., belongs to this horizon, this species being also present in my collections from E. B. 2.

Carnic blocks are not recorded from the Chirchun area.

6. *Dachsteinkalk* (?) Exotic block 8 (pl. 7) and Kiogarh high plateau (plates 2 and 3). The predominant rock of the exotic masses is a light grey, dolomitic massive limestone. Its main distribution is in the mountains between the Balchdhura and Kiogarh-Chaldu passes (Kiogarh high plateau), but blocks of light grey, dolomitic limestone were also found elsewhere.

Unfortunately not even a trace of a fossil was observed, but it is probable that the limestones represent chiefly the *Dachsteinkalk*.

Grey limestone blocks are also recorded from the Chirchun area, Griesbach and Diener likewise consider them *Dachsteinkalk*.

7. *Lower Lias* (E. Bs. 4, 6, 7, 16, 17 on map, plates 3 and 8). No

<sup>1</sup> This species of hitherto doubtful geological position I found recently in the topmost "Daonella beds" of the Bambanag cliff, immediately below the "Hauerites beds," Diener.

doubt the most interesting of all the blocks are those of lower liassic age. Five belonging to this horizon were observed, of which two (16 and 17) have yielded a considerable number of lower liassic ammonites. These are situated about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mile west-north-west of the Kiogarh-Chirchun pass and the other three, poorer in fossils, 4, 6, 7, lie near Malla Kiogarh E. G. The rock is a very earthy, brick red, rather thin-bedded, nodular limestone, with a few thick grey layers. This type of block is the most characteristic of all, and when once closely observed can be recognized from afar by its characteristic tint.

The fauna, containing as it does several species of *Arietites*, is of an unmistakable lower liassic type. The commonest genus of the fauna is *Phylloceras*.

This is the first record of lias fossils being found in India.

It is of particular interest that the facies is the Alpine one. My specimens are in preservation identical with the lias of Adneth near Salzburg (Austria).

8. *Spiti shales* (?)

9. *Gieumal sandstone* (?)

} Balchdhura heights.<sup>1</sup>

The Balchdhura heights are made up of masses of unfossiliferous shales and sandstones. The sandstones are lithologically indistinguishable from the Gieumal sandstone, and the shales associated with them are black alum shales. I believe that these masses represent Gieumal sandstone and Spiti shales; as fucoids are wanting in the sandstones, we have no reason to correlate them with the upper flysch sandstones (4e). There only remains the Gieumal sandstone with which to compare them. Accordingly we may consider the shales to be Spiti shales, *vis.*, the uppermost division, which in the normal sections alternates with the Gieumal sandstone.

Sandstone blocks, all apparently Gieumal sandstone, are common throughout the exotic masses, but nowhere do they dominate so much as in the Balchdhura heights.

<sup>1</sup> Pl. 1 and section 1 on pl. 12.

10 *Upper Flysch Sub-Division 4b.* (E. Bs. 3, 14 on map). Within the igneous rocks south of the Balchdhura pass, I observed a block consisting of thin-bedded brown limestones, with shaly partings which could at once be recognized as belonging to sub-division 4b of the upper flysch.

On the heights south of the Kiogarh plateau, between E. Bs. 13 and 15, black shales of the same sub-division, with ferruginous concretions and brown weathering flaggy limestones occur.

11. *Upper Flysch Sub-Division 4f.* Green tuffs, representing sub-division 4f, were observed in the igneous rocks of the Balchdhura heights close to E. B. 1. This occurrence had to be left out on the map.

The last mentioned four horizons are not recorded from the Chirchun area.

In conclusion I must remark that among the very numerous unfossiliferous limestones there are many of a red colour, resembling the Tropites limestone. Most of the blocks offer no clue whatever to their age.

*Origin of red and grey limestone blocks.*—Leaving the four youngest horizons (Spiti shales and flysch) out of consideration, we will now deal in some detail with the older horizons up to the lias. We must of course presuppose that the blocks, found within the volcanics of Johar, originally formed part of one and the same series at some distance from their present place of occurrence. This theoretical series we

may call the "Tibetan Series<sup>1</sup>," as it must needs be *in situ* somewhere in Tibet, and we may compare it first with the corresponding beds observed in the normal sections of the Himalayas.

*Comparison with "Himalayan Series."*—The comparison leads to the conclusion that each single sub-division of the Tibetan series known so far, from the permo-carboniferous up to the lias, differs from the corresponding Himalayan division.

<sup>1</sup> I mean to restrict this term to the sequence from the permo-carboniferous up to the lias, which differs in facies from what is seen in the Central Himalayas.



*Permo-carboniferous*.—As regards this system, there is no sequence of beds known in the Himalayas which could be compared either palæontologically or lithologically with the red and white limestones of the exotic blocks. In most of the sections of the younger palæozoics of the Himalayas there is a marked unconformity at the base of the Permian *Productus* shales,<sup>1</sup> and this would lead to the conclusion that the permo-carboniferous is wanting. There is only one section known in which the gap appears to be filled up (Lio in Spiti), but this section has not yet been worked out in full detail. But even supposing faunistical equivalents to the permo-carboniferous should be discovered there, their lithological equivalents are undoubtedly absent as the series in question consists of conglomerates, sandstones, shales and grey limestones.<sup>2</sup>

*Lower Trias*.—The lower trias of the Tibetan series appears to be the exact equivalent to the "horizon of *Flemingites rohilla*"<sup>3</sup> of the Himalayan series. There appear to be certain faunistical peculiarities, but as far as I can judge they are of no great importance. Lithologically, however, there is a very marked difference, the horizon being in the Himalayan series represented by grey or black limestones with intercalated bands of black shales.

*Lower Muschelkalk*.—As regards the lower muschelkalk, the case is much the same as with the lower trias. The fauna, which was described by Diener from red limestone blocks near Peak Chirchun No. 1 (Middlemiss crag) occurs in the Central Himalayas in grey limestones with *Spiriferina stracheyi* below the horizon of *Ceratites thuillieri*.<sup>4</sup>

*Ladinic or lower Carnic stage*.—Beds with *Daonella indica* occur in the Himalayan series in the ladinic stage as well as in the lower

<sup>1</sup> See Griesbach, Mem XXIII, p. 65; Hayden, General Report, 1899-1900, p. 187. In Spiti the unconformity occurs at the base of a calcareous sandstone, underlying the *Productus* shales.

<sup>2</sup> Hayden, General Report, 1899-1900, p. 188.

<sup>3</sup> This new term I introduced to replace the term "*Subrobustus* beds," Diener, *Ceratites subrobustus* having been proved to belong to the lower muschelkalk.

<sup>4</sup> General Report, 1899-1900, p. 205, and 1900-1901, p. 26.

carnic stage, but their facies is of a dark, mostly black and shaly limestone and therefore differs widely from that of the equivalent division of the Tibetan series.

*Upper Carnic stage.*—The *Tropites* horizon of the Himalayan series is developed in Spiti as a grey, brown weathering, somewhat shaly, nodular limestone with few, badly preserved ammonites.<sup>1</sup> At the Bambanag cliff, where this horizon has only recently been discovered by myself,<sup>2</sup> it is a grey, shaly limestone alternating with grey shales, which belong to the topmost "Daonella beds." These limestones of the Bambanag cliff also differ faunistically from the Himalayan and Tibetan *Tropites* horizon by the apparent absence of the genus *Tropites* and the general paucity of cephalopoda. In Byans, the *Tropites* horizon is represented by grey limestones including a rich and well preserved fauna of cephalopoda, among which *Tropites* is found. The fauna appears to be very much richer than that of Exotic Block 2 and to differ moreover by the absence of the genus *Cladiscites*, which is so abundant in the Tibetan facies.

"*Dachsteinkalk*" (?)—Great masses of unfossiliferous, grey, dolomitic limestones, occurring among the exotic blocks, were correlated with the dachsteinkalk of the Himalayan series. It is necessary to state that there is no complete lithological identity between the two, the Tibetan grey limestones being massive throughout, while the Himalayan dachsteinkalk is well bedded.

*Lias.*—It has been shown above, that the lias must be looked for in the Central Himalayas in a series of conformable, grey limestones, ranging from upper triassic into middle jurassic. It is possible that limestones, including a species resembling *Spiriferina obtusa*, Oppel., which I found in Spiti in a section near Gieumal, represent the lias, but so far no unmistakable liassic fossils have been recorded. The red cephalopod limestones traced in Johar thus differ widely from the equivalent Himalayan beds, both in facies and by the fauna they include.

<sup>1</sup> General Report, 1899-1900, p. 218.

<sup>2</sup> " " 1900-1901, p. 28.

We therefore learn from this comparison of the Tibetan with the Himalayan series that, though in two cases (lower trias and lower muschelkalk) a striking faunistical similarity exists, the two series differ entirely in lithological description, three of the horizons (permo-carboniferous (7), Tropites limestone and lias) being distinguished faunistically as well. The only horizon which affords points of similarity is the dachsteinkalk.

*Comparison with European Alps.*—To compare the Tibetan series with occurrences of similar lithological features outside Tibet, we must turn to the European Alps, where we find rocks of striking resemblance in the "*Hallstatt* limestones" and the red liassic limestones. The lithological resemblance is indeed so great that we are justified in supposing that the same physical conditions prevailed in the two areas. These conditions set in in Tibet at an earlier date (permo-carboniferous) than in the Alps (upper muschelkalk). They coincided in both areas during upper carnic and lower liassic times, but it appears that during noric times red limestones were deposited in the Alps but not in Tibet.

*"Hallstatt" facies.*—The Alpine *Hallstatt* facies is confined to more or less limited areas, being chiefly met with near Hallstatt, Hallein and Berchtesgaden in the Austrian and Bavarian Alps. According to Schlosser<sup>1</sup> it includes all the triassic beds from the "Werfen shales" (lower trias) upwards. The lowest division, the "Haselgebirge" (uppermost lower trias and lower muschelkalk), which is characterised by the occurrence of salt, has apparently no lithological equivalent in the Tibetan series and is therefore of no interest here.

All the rest of the *Hallstatt* facies, however, with its three main divisions: (1) "*Schreyeralp*" or "*Lürcheck*" limestone and (upper

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Max. Schlosser, "Das Triasgebiet von Hallein" Zeitschrift d. Deutsch. Geol. Gesellsch, Vol. L, part 2, 1898.

It is sufficient for the present purpose to consider the Alpine occurrences alone. Those of Bosnia and Dalmatia can be left out of consideration.

muschelkalk, horizon of *Ceratites trinodosus*), (2) carnic and (3) noric Hallstatt beds, contain red fossiliferous limestones.

Whitish and grey limestones occur along with the red, and the red noric Hallstatt limestones pass in places into the dachsteinkalk. While the red yield great numbers of fossils, chiefly cephalopoda, the grey limestones are poor in organic remains.

There also occur breccias, made up of red, earthy and grey limestones. All the lithological varieties of the facies pass rapidly into each other, even within one and the same layer.

*Red Alpine Lias*—The red liassic limestones of the Alps resemble in many ways those of the Hallstatt trias with which they are also closely connected geographically. Changes of facies are common, although on the whole red limestones prevail. In the Hagengebirge, south of Salzburg in Austria, I myself<sup>1</sup> observed coarse breccias which answer in description those recorded from the Hallstatt beds.

*Red Alpine limestones, no deep sea deposits.*—The red Alpine limestones have been looked upon by some authors as deep sea deposits, a theory which owing to its bearing on the origin of the Tibetan series will have to be shortly discussed here.

As to the Hallstatt limestones, an observation, made by Prof. Koken, who described their Gastropod fauna,<sup>2</sup> is of great importance. Koken noticed that large specimens and species almost invariably show traces of old fractures, which had healed during the lifetime of the animals and which had locally interrupted the sculpture, without in any way hindering the normal growth. From this Koken concludes that the animals lived in comparatively shallow, very rough water, perhaps in the vicinity of cliffs, which were washed by a strong surf. "Any deep sea character is hereby excluded." This conclusion is in accordance with the occurrence of breccias as recorded by Schlosser.

I arrived at similar conclusions with respect to the red liassic limestones of the Hagengebirge.

<sup>1</sup> Jahrbach Geol. Reichsanstalt Vienna, Vol. 47, part 2, 1897.

<sup>2</sup> Abhandlungen Geol. Reichsanstalt Vienna, Vol. XVII, part 4, 1897, p. 3.

A careful examination convinced me that these were laid down on the slopes of large reefs of dachsteinkalk, which they eventually overlapped, owing to a rise in the coast line. This, in connection with the occurrence of breccias, proves them to have been formed in comparatively shallow water.

We therefore come to the conclusion that the red Alpine limestones are not deposits of a deep sea, but of comparatively shallow water in the vicinity of grey limestone reefs, and we may conclude that the origin of the red Tibetan limestones was a similar one. On the other hand stress must be laid on the absence of sandy and shaly materials, which clearly points to an open sea, and this is no doubt, as Mr. Griesbach suggests,<sup>1</sup> owing to the Tibetan rocks having been deposited at a greater distance from the old Indian continent, than the Himalayan series.

From the above it appears improbable that red limestones should be of wide and equal distribution within the Tibetan series. More likely they represent local formations, while grey limestones form the predominant rock, and we may suppose that they pass into the latter in the same way that the noric Hallstatt limestones pass into dachsteinkalk.

This conclusion would be well in accordance with the observation, that within the volcanics of Johar grey limestones, mainly in huge masses, form the most prominent foreign element, whereas the red blocks—at least as far as size is concerned—play a comparatively unimportant rôle.

If the above be correct, it would of course follow that the grey dolomitic limestones represent not only dachsteinkalk but have a considerably wider range. The term "dachsteinkalk" applied to them must accordingly be understood to be of a provisional character.

In the foregoing remarks the exotic blocks, representing Spiti shales, Gieumal sandstone and upper flysch were left out of consideration. There is no reason why we should not assume them to have come from the same regions as the limestone blocks and we may conclude that the jurassic and cretaceous divisions following above the Tibetan series are of a character lithologically identical to those seen along the Indo-Tibetan frontier.

<sup>1</sup> *Loc. cit.*, p. 25.

#### IV.—DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA.

##### (a) The neighbourhood of the Balchdhura Pass.<sup>1</sup>

The boundary range rises up north of the Balchdhura pass to an insignificant peak, Balchdhura, 18,110,' whence it runs north-west to a second point marked on the Trigonometrical Survey map, Balchdhura No. 2, 18,500'. Between these two points the range describes a curve<sup>2</sup> with its convex side towards Hundés. Within this are two high peaks, the Balchdhura heights, as I call them; the eastern measuring 18,900' the western slightly less.

*Structure of Flysch.*—To the west of Balchdhura No. 2 the boundary range is composed of Gieumal sandstone with remains of the upper flysch series, *vis*, the red shales and limestones (4a) which alone are preserved.

About half a mile west of Balchdhura No 2, the upper flysch is faulted against the Gieumal sandstone. On the slopes to the south and south-east of the Balchdhura heights a magnificent flysch section, the best I have seen, is exposed.

The beds have a constant dip of 10 to 15° to the north-east. Ascending this section we meet with a certain amount of folding in the black shales (4b), but higher up it is almost undisturbed as far as the topmost flysch beds, where there is a very striking feature. Tuffs, almost horizontal, first green, then red, end in a sort of narrow ledge, to which a débris slope descends from a small thickness of red, folded tuffs. This upper, folded tuff band yielding easier to weathering than the slightly inclined tuffs below, the formation of a ledge and a débris slope is easily understood, but the question, how the sudden change from unfolded to folded beds can have been brought about, is more difficult to answer. It must, of course be due to faulting, but the latter is of an unusual and remarkable character.

The ledge, with its accompanying features, can be seen following the curve of the boundary range, for at least 2 miles, from Balchdhura

<sup>1</sup> Pls. 1 and 3; section 1 on pl. 12.

<sup>2</sup> Not marked on the map.

No. 2 to the northern scarp of Kiogarh No. 1. Near the latter it is particularly well pronounced (see woodcut below).

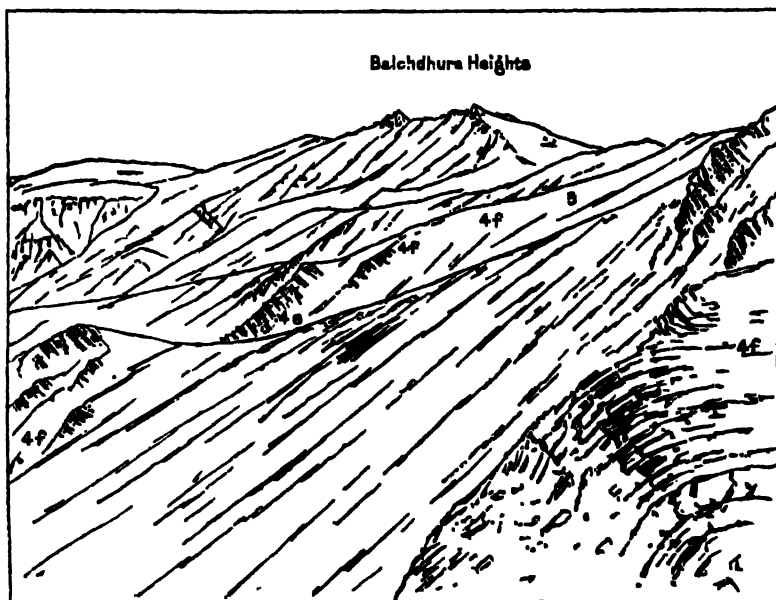


Fig. 1. Folded and undisturbed tuffs (4f) in boundary range,  
S. E. Balchdhura pass.

For the whole of this distance the fault follows the strike of the beds exactly. This peculiar fault can only be properly understood when compared with more complicated disturbances, seen in the upper flysch round the base of the Kiogarh high plateau. As the comparatively soft flysch deposits are overlaid by rigid masses, which must have been originally of a considerably greater thickness than is now observed, it is conceivable that, when the country was subject to lateral pressure, it was principally the flysch that yielded, and it also appears natural that the disturbances thus effected should be most pronounced in the neighbourhood of the boundary towards the overlying masses. The latter appear to have evaded the pressure by being pushed to some extent over the flysch. We will see below that the country south of the Kiogarh plateau is more intensely disturbed than the districts alluded to above, with the result that there the volcanics are folded together with the flysch.

**Volcanics.**—As soon as we have passed the folded tuff we come on the southern slope of the Balchdhura heights upon loose débris, chiefly composed of amygdaloidal andesite and red limestones. No outcrop of igneous rocks *in situ* was here observed. Involved in the débris we find large éxotic blocks of various description. .

**Exotic blocks.**—Of these I have first to mention one of green and red tuffs (4f), found due south below the western summit of the Balchdhura heights. It is greatly contorted and crushed but has a general steep dip towards north-east ( $70^{\circ}$  to  $80^{\circ}$ ). The pressure it has sustained is also indicated by almost every single bedding plane being slickensided. Red limestone blocks, mostly small in size, are also seen. Two of the largest of these have yielded fossils, *vis.*, E. B. 1 *Daonella indica*, E. B. 2 ammonites of upper carnic stage.

**Exotic block 1.**—Block 1 is of a longish form, divided up into several more or less disconnected parts by débris of green andesite. On the whole it can be said to dip towards north-east and strike about north-west to south-east, but neither dip nor strike are constant throughout its entire length. Faults abound and strong crushing is noticeable, the andesite being even folded into the red limestone locally.

**Exotic block 2.**—Block 2 with its upper carnic cephalopod fauna crops out from a débris slope to the south-south-east of the eastern summit. No bedding can be seen. The limestone is in part altered and only after some search did I find fossils in it. Near it is another rather large limestone block of pinnacle shape, made up of vertical beds, but this did not yield any fossils.

As regards the Balchdhura heights proper, they are of a peculiar description, being composed chiefly of greenish sandstones and shales, with a few isolated, densely red limestone blocks.

**Gieumal sandstone blocks.**—Besides these foreign elements, of which the two first I believe represent Gieumal sandstone and Spiti shales, igneous rocks play an unimportant part. We shall see later on that in the Kiogarh plateau also foreign elements predominate in places to such an extent as to exclude almost entirely the igneous rocks.



Seen from afar the Gieumal sandstones look as if they were bedded, and this no doubt was the case originally. But on closer examination this bedding is no longer recognized. The apparent layers of sandstone are found to be split up by innumerable small faults into angular fragments. Often the shaly matter has been the lubricant by means of which one block was pushed over another. The interstices between the blocks are as a rule filled out by breccia-like matter of shale with small pieces of sandstone. Large sandstone blocks make up the actual heights. The western summit is formed by a huge block with particularly bold outlines.

*Balchdhura Pass.*—Descending from the Balchdhura heights towards the pass we soon come upon lavas partly altered into serpentine. Thus a flat, conical elevation on the ridge near E. B. 2 is composed of that rock. A specimen of serpentine from the frontier range south-east of the Balchdhura pass was found by Mr. Holland to be an altered peridotite with chromite. The top of the range is thinly studded over with limestone and sandstone blocks, the latter being here again occasionally of large size (see woodcut below).



Fig. 2. Blocks of Gieumal sandstones in basic igneous rocks near Peak Balchdhura, 18,110'.

**(b) The Kiogarh High Plateau.<sup>1</sup>**

About one mile south-east of the Balchdhura pass there rises an extended mountain mass with a number of peaks, ranging from 18,000' to somewhat above 19,000'.<sup>2</sup>

*High Plateau.*—The whole is a wide high plateau, intersected by two rivers (Sami and Ghátámémin rivers) and by four passes, leading from these rivers and their branches into Johar. The plateau character is most pronounced to the west of the Sami river (Kiogarh No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3). The country between the Sami and Ghátámémin valleys is modelled out into a broad ridge and a similar ridge borders the Ghátámémin valley to the east. Towards Johar the plateau ends precipitately in high, steep cliffs. There is therefore between the Balchdhura and Kiogarh-Chaldu passes no real dividing range with equally steep declivities on either side. The boundary coincides, it is true, with the watershed, but this is formed by the edge of a plateau.

The Kiogarh peaks were in 1892 recognized to be exotic masses (see introduction). Messrs. Griesbach, Diener and Middlemiss could not however attempt anything beyond a superficial examination of the area.

In the following I propose to describe first the flysch base and afterwards the masses that make up the Kiogarh plateau proper.

**1.—The Flysch.**

*Gieumal sandstone.*—The Gieumal sandstone encircles the Kiogarh plateau, without touching it, to the west, extending to the east nearly as far as Malla Kiogarh E. G.

<sup>1</sup> Plates 2 and 3. Section 2 on pl. 12.

<sup>2</sup> As the Trigonometrical survey map contains only a few names of localities which are insufficient for the purpose of a detailed description of the area, I have introduced the following new names: Kiogarh No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4 and No. 6 (the latter peak is called "Kiogarh" only on the Trigonometrical Survey map), "Sami Valley" (see pl. 2), "Sami Pass," "Ghátámémin Pass," "Ghátámémin Valley," "Sami E. G.," "Balchdhura E. G.," "Kiogarh Chirchun E. G.," Talla Kiogarh E. G. I and II, "Malla Kiogarh E. G. I and II."

On the whole the beds dip towards the high plateau but are in many places folded and faulted. A beautiful reversed fault is exposed in the deep ravine of the Kiogarh river, near Talla Kiogarh I. E. G., being marked by a strip of red shales (4 a), hemmed in between two masses of Gieumal sandstone. A very complicated structure sets in east of Talla Kiogarh E. G. At the latter locality the sandstone disappears in a steep, almost vertical flexure with a north to south strike. Further east it again comes to the surface, greatly folded, and reaches for some distance up the various branches of the Kiogarh river. On this base of Gieumal sandstone rests the upper flysch.

*Upper Flysch.*—We have seen in the preceding chapter that the sequence is but little disturbed in the neighbourhood of the Balchdhura pass. The sketch on Pl. 13 shows that in ridges I, II and III no disturbances are present beyond the folding of the tufts (sub-div. 4 f) and a general incline of the beds towards east and north-east. In ridges IV and V folding sets in in the sandstone (4 e), but the series is complete both here and in ridge VI. Ridge VII is a disturbed, incomplete flysch section. On the shales (4 b) the igneous rocks follow immediately. The higher flysch beds are wanting. Passing to the south-west side of the Kiogarh plateau we find much the same feature as on ridge VII. Nowhere is the upper flysch series complete. As a rule the youngest sub-division visible is formed by the shales and flaggy limestones (4 b), but occasionally the brown sandstones (4 c) are met with. Small outcrops of the tufts (4 f) occur in some places but never in a normal position. As a rule they project from the black shales (4 b). No traces of the hard shales (4 a) nor of the sandstones with *furoids* (4 e) are seen. The latter reappear however in great force on the Kiogarh-Chaldu pass.

Black shales form the chief component of the ridges descending from the Kiogarh plateau towards south-west. For this reason the structure is difficult and often impossible to unravel. Unfortunately the brown limestones intercalated with them seldom afford any help in this respect, as instead of forming clear outcrops, they weather into *débris*, producing light brown patches on the black shale ground.

No.  $\frac{8}{38}$ , 4 miles north-west of Gudwaliyan, Gundgurb range, in dykes banded with limestone belonging to the Slate series. A rock similar to the above and evidently part of the same intrusive band. The original structure of the rock has been completely obliterated with development of epidote in large irregular grains, and of calcite.

No.  $\frac{8}{66}$ , Sunvai near Lalo Gulee, associated with the gneissose-granite. A crushed foliated rock of greenish colour. Contains hornblende and plagioclase among the original constituents; but the rock has been partly serpentinised with production of picrolite, giving deep violet polarisation colours. Calcite and epidote are also well represented. The rock might doubtless have become an ophicalcite if more crushing and dynamo-metamorphism had supervened.

*Appendix: Rocks found as river boulders in the Indus river-bed.*

The country to the north and north-west of Hazara and the Black Mountain, along the course of the Indus river, is  
 Remarks. inhabited by a number of independent hill-tribes, and up to the present is impossible of access to anything but an armed force. I, therefore, made a collection of the river boulders near Lalo Gulee, with the object of illustrating, as far as possible, the nature of the parent rocks in that inaccessible region. I give below a list of these, with a few remarks about the most important of them.

No.  $\frac{8}{37}$  is an example of the most common rock found in the river-bed, *viz.*, the gneissose-granite which I have already described as being the rock most in evidence at the surface forming the high hills round about. It is present in the river-bed in immense blocks of several thousand cubit feet content, and slightly rounded, which lie along certain reaches of the river. Microscopically it exactly corresponds to the most typical examples of gneissose-granite described above. The orthoclase is specially beautiful as regards the inclusions or schillerization products (probably sericite) which appear in it crossing one another in regular lines parallel to the cleavage.

The next set of rocks, which can be made out from the boulders, are a series of rocks, mottled white and dark-green, sometimes foliated

and sometimes massive. Nos.  $\frac{8}{832}$  to  $\frac{8}{840}$ , inclusive, illustrate this series and are apparently all connected genetically with one another. They all possess a highly crystalline-granular structure, and are composed in different ways of plagioclase, augite, hornblende, garnet, rutile, iron-oxide, and secondary epidote and quartz. Most of them contain feldspar, and this is altered almost completely to a dead-white saussuritic material, dull and opaque in transmitted light, and giving scarcely any colour phenomena between crossed nicols. In  $\frac{8}{832}$  especially, and also in many others, *e.g.*,  $\frac{8}{833}$  to  $\frac{8}{835}$  clear colourless epidote is intergrown with vermicular quartz and appears to have arisen from the decomposition of the feldspars, among which it lies in irregular ragged ophitic masses. Deep amber-coloured rutile granules are fairly characteristic. The augite is green, and is found associated in close granular connection with the garnets, which are very common. This connection is very noticeable in  $\frac{8}{834}$ , where the mineral, by analogy presumably augite, possesses none of the ordinary characteristic cleavages of that mineral, but only irregular cracks, as if it were mimicking the associated garnets. In  $\frac{8}{836}$  again, where the same association of the two minerals is seen, there are good examples of augite shewing characteristic cleavages.  $\frac{8}{836}$  also contains bundles of picrolite. Hornblende in this series of rocks ( $\frac{8}{832}$  to  $\frac{8}{840}$ ) is very common, being present in nearly all the slides. It occurs in beautifully preserved short prisms, perfectly fresh-looking, with cleavages fine and distinct. Its colours are generally deep and bright, and the pleochroism very pronounced. In  $\frac{8}{836}$  the hornblende is present in smaller grains, and there is a good deal of quartz also present. In  $\frac{8}{836}$  the hornblende appears to have arisen from the augite by uralitization, as it keeps the same ophitic shapes as the augite. In  $\frac{8}{837}$  the hornblende has a marked tendency to be drawn out and to lie parallel to the lenticular-tabular quartz-feldspar layers. In another boulder,  $\frac{8}{839}$  (see plate II, fig. 7), the hornblende with garnet, rutile, and iron ore make up the whole of the rock; and this seems to have its complement in  $\frac{8}{838}$ , which is made up entirely of crushed feldspar and quartz, the former as usual

saussuritic. Probably the two boulders are different portions of a very coarsely banded hornblende-gneiss.<sup>1</sup> Garnet is common in these rocks, associated with augite as referred to above. It is in irregular grains, sometimes shewing crystal outlines. It also occurs without augite in some of the rocks. It is pink in colour and traversed by irregular cracks, limpid and clear and without inclusions. Quartz is not common. There are only a very few examples of it in small grains, lying along with the felspar and possibly having arisen secondarily by crushing and metamorphism of the felspar. Iron ore is sparsely represented. In addition to the above minerals, hypersthene and olivine (?) are doubtfully present in one rock  $\frac{8}{840}$ .

The above gives an idea of the general mineral components of this series of rocks. As regards their structure, they are sometimes massive crystalline rocks in which no foliation can be detected, and on the other hand they are often foliated very distinctly. That these rocks form a connected series, the individuals of which pass into each other, seems to me indisputable; and it does not seem improbable, if one may make a guess founded on such scanty data, that they represent a thoroughly holocrystalline plutonic massif or plexus, originally consisting essentially of plagioclase and augite, with which the basic dykes, already described, are in deep-seated connection. The modification of them into foliated rocks with augen and lenticular-tabular structures, and the development of hornblende from augite, also seem to be plutonic effects of dynamic metamorphism, corresponding to the effects we have already traced at the margins of the dyke rocks.

No.  $\frac{8}{841}$  stands alone among these boulders as a fine-grained dolerite, composed of lath-shaped plagioclases, pale brown augite in very small rounded grains, and magnetite.

<sup>1</sup> Since writing the above I have made the acquaintance near Salem, Madras Presidency, of a set of hornblende-garnet rocks which cover the whole ridges. They also and an ultrabasic olivine bearing rock resembling that to be presently described appear intimately connected with serpentinised dunites.

No.  $\frac{8}{847}$  likewise stands alone as one representative of the ultra-basic division of rocks. It is a crystalline-granular association of olivine, partly altered along fissures into serpentine and iron oxide, pale green augite, sometimes slightly crushed and schillerised in places, and hypersthene (?) visible doubtfully in two places in the rock slide. There is no trace of any felspar or quartz. (See plate II, fig. 8.)

Nos.  $\frac{8}{848}$  to  $\frac{8}{849}$  are somewhat doubtful rocks.  $\frac{8}{848}$  is a serpentinised rock of some sort with colourless hornblende (tremolite) visible in it, much cut up, and invaded by the serpentine. The other two rocks are complete puzzles to me. They possess large plates of some mineral, broken up into small disconnected patches extinguishing light together, and between the separated ragged grains of which there is a clear colourless mineral running as veins through the rock. Mr. Holland suggests the former to be augite, from the 'lattice' structure visible, and the latter serpentine.

No.  $\frac{8}{848}$  is a plagioclase rock with micro-crystalline ground-mass, and porphyritic crystals of felspar and quartz present in it. The rock is much changed and bleached. It contains yellow epidote in irregular granules especially surrounding the porphyritic quartz grains.

No.  $\frac{8}{847}$  was probably originally a diorite. It contains triclinic felspar, chalcedony in buff-coloured patches, green hornblende which in places seems to have become bleached to a colourless hornblende, remaining at the same time in optical continuity with the coloured part, green epidote in grains and micro-crystalline aggregates apparently derived from the decomposed felspar, and sphene.

### *Petrological Summary.*

In the preceding pages we have found distinct evidence for—

- (1) A metamorphic series, that is to say, a set of sedimentary rocks that have been variously metamorphosed; in some places only slightly so, and but thinly disguising their clastic origin and obvious position among the

historical strata ; in other places highly metamorphosed and presenting all the characteristics of the most perfect crystalline schists. The question whether any of these are archæan remains open.

- (2) A great intrusion of acid granitic magmas on an immense scale among the lowest sedimentary rocks, bringing about the metamorphism just referred to, and laying the foundations of the mountain backbone of the Himalaya and Hindu-Kush ranges. This acid magma there is evidence for believing to have been forced into the covering sedimentary rocks in Pre-Triassic times and in two ways : (a) leisurely, under no particular pressure probably, and without causing extreme metamorphic changes in those rocks ; and (b) by an injective process, probably under enormous pressure, and bringing about a complete metamorphism of the strata and permeating them in a most perfect way.
- (3) A subsequent mild intrusion of dykes of basic rock, which have cut through the Infra-Trias sedimentary rocks, through the schistose series, and through the gneissose-granite, without leaving exposed anywhere in Hazara known to me, any hemi-crystalline or glassy representatives of subaerial lava flows.
- (4) The presence somewhere up the valley of the Indus river in at present unknown country of a more plutonic representative of these dyke rocks, namely, a coarsely crystalline granular rock shewing passage forms strictly analogous to those of the dyke series in Hazara.
- (5) The presence also in that unknown country of an ultra-basic division of rocks and some serpentinised varieties.
- (6) A wonderfully complete dynamic metamorphism of all the series of crystalline and metamorphic rocks, wherever palpable evidence could be gathered ; which



has brought about a crushing, foliation, and recrystallisation of the rock components along certain lines, and especially at the margins of beds where rocks of different character adjoin, and where in consequence relief movements would be expected. The fact that these effects are strictly alike in the sedimentary rocks (conglomerates and quartzites) and in the crystalline rocks, makes it certain that the crushing and re-arrangement of the latter into separate mineral folia was truly due to dynamic causes acting on the rock in its cooled and solid state.

### CHAPTER III.—DESCRIPTIVE GEOLOGY.

#### *Disturbance zones in general.*

A prominent structural feature of Hazara, as of most areas fringing the great northern watershed of India, is its easy division, for the purposes of description, into zones of disturbance, or elongated blocks of formations which lie parallel to the general strike of the country, and appear to have been driven to take up a characteristic position of their own by N. W.—S. E. tangential earth stresses. Without trenching on matter for discussion in a later chapter (general remarks), it will tend to greater clearness if for the time being it be assumed that each of these zones has an individuality of its own, marked (1) by the prevalence at the general surface of the country in that zone of some particular formation, (2) by geotectonic features due to earth movements that have been more or less limited in that zone to a particular period in the geological evolution of Hazara.

These zones of disturbance are of various importance and grade, but certain of the larger and more comprehensive ones—although they may severally include minor disturbance zones—are as given in the next paragraph.

Division of Hazara into convenient zones of disturbance.

Zones of disturbance classified.

They will be made use of as a basis for the classification of the descriptive portion of this Memoir.

*N. N. W.*

- (A) Crystalline and metamorphic zone.
- (B) Slate, or Abbottabad zone.
- (C) Nummulitic zone.
- (D) Upper Tertiary zone.

*S. S. E.*

(A) *Crystalline and metamorphic zone*.—This is co-extensive with the whole of the northern parts of Hazara, including Khagan and the Black Mountain. There is also reason to believe that it has a much greater extension in a northerly direction, beyond where geological investigations have been carried. Its southern limits are well defined by a line running from Jutti Pind, 1,725 feet, up the Miankhaki stream *viâ* Sobruh Gulee to Puswal mian, and from there *viâ* Turnawae and Dubbun to Gurhee-Hubeebooluh on the Koonhar. This line may be (a) a single well-marked reversed fault, (b) a plexus of faults, (c) a line of great equivalent folding of strata. S. W. of Jutti Pind there is no sharp southern boundary to this zone, but instead a gradual passage from slates to crystalline schists.

(B) *Slate, or Abbottabad zone*.—This zone adjoins the previous zone on its southern side, and it extends southward as far as a line running from near Bureeluh *viâ* Naruh and Kalabagh to Puttun Chhothee, a line easily recognised on the map by the remarkably continuous fault which follows it the whole way, and by the sudden appearance of Nummulitic limestone in force to the south.

(C) *Nummulitic zone*.—South of the last and adjoining it comes the third zone, which extends southwards to the Rawalpindi plateau in the south-west parts of Hazara, and to a line from Baroha *viâ* Tret, the gap N. of Kuldana hill, and Bukot to near Chhothee Puttun at the junction of the Koonhar and Jhelum rivers, in the south-east parts of Hazara.

(D) *Upper Tertiary zone*.—This embraces everything in Hazara to the south of the last zone, and it also extends far away

to the south across the Rawalpindi plateau, and hence out of the limits of this Memoir.

It will be convenient to begin with the description of zone (B), because in the first place it is the most characteristic and diverse in feature and formation, secondly the older geological investigators began in this part of the country, and thirdly by means of it, and it alone, can we be in a position to follow a description of zone (A).

## (B) THE SLATE ZONE.

### *Orography.*

The boundaries of this zone have already been defined. If the map be consulted it will be seen that they coincide with natural geological lines, inasmuch as the great schistose and gneissose area lies to the north, and the great Nummulitic area to the south of this zone. As the name implies, this block of formations is characterised by the preponderating presence of the Slate series. The later outcrops over a very large portion of it, and in many cases occupies a greater surface than do the younger formations of the same zone, whilst in nearly all cases it constitutes the lowest horizon that can be detected in the cores or axes of anticlinal or folded flexures. On the other hand, such flexures, on however grand a scale, never reveal any crystalline gneissose rocks below, and only in one or two limited localities have the lowest exposed strata assumed a slightly schistose aspect.

It follows as a corollary to the above that the younger formations present in this zone, from the Trias to the Nummulitic, are chiefly found as outliers, often on the crests of ridges only, or as long thin lenticular strips let in by sharp folding among the slaty basis of the zone. Their extension is generally a broken one, both along the strike and at right angles to it, though they are occasionally packed closely together with a nearly vertical lie like books on a shelf—a condition in which all traces of the original folds that brought about this state are completely lost.

The great diversity of formation in this disturbance block (which

is more marked than in any of the others) has a counterpart in the great diversity of surface feature, a few remarks about which will now be made.

Certain parts of the zone which have been cut down by denudation as far as the slates are occupied by recent accumulations of gravels, forming plains. The Abbottabad plain, the plain of the Dore river between Dhumtour and Turbela, and the plain of the Hurroh river in part are such; and these open cultivated areas leading from elevations of about 1,000 feet to 4,000 feet above the sea, form a natural highway from the lower levels, coinciding with the Rawalpindi plateau up into the heart of the district.

If we enter Hazara by leaving the railway at Hassan Abdal and taking the tonga<sup>1</sup> to Hureepoor we shall find ourselves in a great plain in the centre of the Slate zone. Standing on a turret of the old fort of Huree Singh at Hureepoor, our view all round is almost confined to a part of this zone. To the south-west in close proximity lies the native town, its busy thoroughfares and lines of mud-built flat-roofed shops contrasting with the quiet gardens of mango, loquortz, plantain, etc., which cluster round the town; and which fed with runnels of water from the canals offer cool retreats in the hot weather when round about outside the vertical sun beats continuously down on the blinding dusty roads. Beyond the town and beyond the gardens stretches the fertile plain of the Dore river and some affluents of the Hurroh river, bright green in spring when the wheat crop covers the land and yellow in autumn with the tall Indian-corn. This is a rich tract of alluvium, intersected by a complicated, if primitive, irrigation system from the Dore river, without which the plain would be nothing better than a sandy waste. The valley of the Dore, which may be seen stretching away to the east, is almost entirely restricted to the Slate zone. The river-bed itself, like that of most Himalayan rivers, is a wilderness of white boulders, half a mile wide, and from 100 to 300 ft. below the general level of the alluvial plain, which is cut off from the river-bed by sheer cliffs of gravel and sand. The stream

<sup>1</sup> Tonga = mail-cart.

of the Dore is normally a tiny rivulet that can be crossed on stepping-stones, but it is subject to rapid spates after a rain-storm of any importance. The turbid brown or milky rush of water (according as it is fed from the nearer hills or the melting of snow from the higher crests) which then ensues makes the crossing of it, on a dark and stormy night, a matter of some anxiety. The leaping muddy stream rolls huge boulders along the bottom, which strike one another with dull thuds; and altogether it more nearly resembles the midday torrent from a large glacier than an ordinary rivulet. The circumstances which bring this about are chiefly the steep gradient of the river-bed, and the bare nature of the slate hills, which are the gathering ground near by, and which, for want of vegetation, have no power of temporarily holding the water. The view given in plate 9 of Sirban hill from the south includes a large portion of the river-bed of the Dore and shews the steep gravel cliffs which bound it. In many places several terraces rise one behind the other above the present level of the river, and mark out previous old channels of the same. Nearly all the streams and smaller rivers of Hazara are liable to be suddenly flooded in this way, but the Dore is more particularly addicted to it and more violent than the rest.

A few large villages such as Dhumtour, Rujoeuh, and Huveliyan lie along the course of the river and typify the wealth of the alluvial country. Flat roofs and rubble masonry with narrow shut-in alleys and an abomination of filth make them unpleasant to the susceptible western nose. No tree has been left for shade, with the exception of the "Kao" or wild olive, a grove of which in nearly every village marks the graveyard; its sombre green contrasting with the bright verdure of an undergrowth of *Fustitia adhatoda*. Water-power to grind the produce of the crops is supplied by the river, and abundantly utilised by an ingenious system of water-mills in tiers one above another which border the stream at intervals, their places being generally marked by a few willow trees.

In a south and south-easterly direction from Hureepoor the alluvial plain is much cut up by winding and deep nullahs which join the Dore and Hurroh rivets. Some of these pursue a most intricate course and resemble those of the Khuddera south of Rawalpindi. They all have their source in the slate hills lying further to the south. These slate hills first catch our eye as they rise out of the plain in the form of long rows or chains of tiny hills or even hillocks, all of which, by their N. E. by E. alignment, sound the key-note of the structural geology of Hazara, inasmuch as their direction coincides with the general 'strike' of the country. One very marked chain of hills embraces the summits known on the map as Dore 1,880 feet, Butta 2,058 feet, and Pudani 2,528 feet.

Still further to the south we may see from our vantage point that these previously isolated little ridges now merge together into the slate hill-mass lying N. E. of Bureeluh, and which trends away N. E. by E. in a closely packed set of minor ridges parallel to the course of the 'Dore'. These hills, as can partly be made out even from a distance, are characterised by a great monotony of outline, by flowing rounded shapes and by an almost complete bareness of vegetation. Their dreary and dark hill-sides of slate, only beautiful when sunrise or sunset gilds their barren slopes, and the early morning mist brings out their purple tones, are here and there relieved by an occasional craggy crest caused by the few thin bands of limestone interbedded with them. Although further to the north-east there gradually set in some of the deeply inlaid faulted synclinals of the younger series of rocks, they have to continue for some way before they become of sufficient importance to exercise a dominating effect on the landscape. On the southern slopes of this low range of slate hills, where they face and abut against the Nummulitic limestone zone (next to be described), the same treeless and lifeless surfaces are the rule, for not only is there a lack of timber but also very few shrubs, and scarcely any grass. Only in a few places, as at Ghurukee and near Lunguriyal, are there a few Chir trees, *Pinus longifolia*, Khair, *Acacia*

*catechu*, Daranni? wild olive, *Olea europea*, and mulberry, *Morus alba*, whilst the hill spurs are partly clothed with Sumbal? and *Fustitia adhatoda*. The water on this side is all shed southwards towards the Hurroh river and the streams have cut down their channel deeply into the slates. The whole of these slate hills from their S. W. extremity where they die away under the alluvium to the neighbourhood of Huveliyan, present the same monotonous features.

From our outlook on Hureepoor fort in a westerly direction we may see the gently sloping alluvial flat stretching away for ten miles and then ending abruptly in the high scarped edge of the Gundguruh range. That range, mainly composed of slates and schistose slates, has nevertheless a backbone of stout limestone, which gives it the regular and ideal aspect of a small hill range. For the same reason it rises to a considerable height above the plain. Its scarped edge facing us is bare of vegetation and has but little water. Beyond this range flows the changeful and rapid current of the Indus, and a short distance beyond that comes the north-west frontier of the empire.

Eastwards from Hureepoor on the north side of the valley of the Dore we see the near end of a long low range, composed entirely of slates without even any limestone bands to vary its uniform aspect. It continues E.N.E. up to and beyond Abbottabad.

At Hureepoor then we first find ourselves among the plains and hills of Hazara, and the outlook, though tame and devoid of the grander features of a mountain tract, brings before us very clearly the general surface aspect of the Slate series, the most ancient of any in Hazara; and illustrates early, even among these much-worn and sculptured remnants of a great formation, how dominating an effect the folding of the rocks has had upon the three hill ranges before us and the minor chains of hillocks, inasmuch as they all follow the direction of the axes of the folds, that is to say, generally with the geological strike of the country.

Continuing in the Slate zone in the direction of Abbottabad, and

rising gradually as we go along the plateau of the Dore with a gradient of 1 in 66, we find the panorama changing, and the sombre rows of hills on each side of us opening to admit wedges of younger rocks with their picturesque limestone crags or tumbled rocky slopes. Beyond Sultanpoor the valley before us divides, the main branch follows up the course of the Dore, whilst the smaller and steeper one leads over a low divide into the Abbottabad plain. Between the two rises the shapely form of Sirban hill, 6,240 feet. It is of the type known to mountaineers as the "writing-desk," though it is a complicated variety of it. Towards the north it offers a long, steep, and flowing dip slope, and towards the south an array of scarped crags and precipitous falls and ledges of rock. It is classical ground to the geologist, for here Dr. Albert Verchère some thirty years ago plied the first geological hammer Hazara knew, and he was followed by Dr. Waagen and Mr. Wynne, who made a special study of this hill-mass. It also possesses a few historical associations, common rumour crediting a cave under its summit with containing buried treasure belonging to Ranjit Singh; whilst it doubtless formed a good point of esial during the progress of the loot-gathering Dourani rulers and in the later Sikh times.

At the northern foot of Sirban lies the flat upland valley of Abbottabad at a level of 4,000 feet. It is a fertile oasis, between the rocky heights of Sirban and the low undulating slate hills further north. Abbottabad is the head-quarters of the Punjab Frontier Force, and has been referred to by a recent writer "as one of the workshops the like of which have fashioned and are fashioning the British Empire."

The sound of the bugle, the midday gun, and the screaming of transport mules mark the flight of the hours, whilst the parade-ground, the rifle-range, and the rocky hill-sides are seldom empty of troops at drill, at rifle practice, or engaged in mimic battle. A picture of this cantonment would be incomplete without the sturdy supple Gurkha, the fine stalwart Sikh, and the mobile mule battery at work or play among the green valleys and narrow hill-tracks.



The gently undulating surface of the station in spring and summer is bountifully covered with green grass, and the bungalows of the residents peep out from among gardens rich in shade trees and orchards, the latter including apricot, quince, peach, plum, pear, cherry, and the grape vine. The hedge-rows and-gardens are adorned with roses and other flowers, whilst buttercups and dandelions deck the grass.<sup>1</sup>

This park-like almost English beauty of Abbottabad in the spring-time never fails to strike the new-comer in contrast to the bare and dust-coloured panorama of the low country of the Punjab.

The Abbottabad plain merges north-eastwards into the Mansehruh plain, whilst towards the east it rounds the north end of Sirban hill and descends rapidly, but gradually, to the level of the gravel terraces of the Dore near Dhumtour. Thus from the level of Abbottabad, 4,000 feet, to Turbela on the Indus, 1,200 feet, the disposition of the gravel and alluvium forming what appear to be flat plains is really, as has already been explained, that of a uniform slope with a curve concave towards the sky, and with a regular diminishing steepness towards the lower level.

North-east of the Abbottabad plain the Slate zone grows in height, steepness, and ruggedness. The great geological complex near Meerpoor, Kakool, Turnawaee, Dubbun, and Gurhee-Hubeeb-ooleh has resulted in a surface of rocky steeply-carved ridges and ravines, difficult of access, and most of them connected in an irregular way with the great Tandiani mountain-mass and its northern and western offshoots. But here, as elsewhere in this zone, it is not difficult to trace out the prevailing direction and parallelism of ridges as according with that of the strike of the country, that is about N.E.—S.W. At the same time the main watershed, consisting of a number of high peaks with gaps or passes between them and stretching from Sihar peak, 8,645 feet, to Mianjani, 9,793 feet, crosses this direction almost at right angles, and is often spoken of as a ridge, and

<sup>1</sup> Why fruit trees are not introduced throughout the plains of Hazara, now that the country enjoys complete peace, instead of the latter depending almost entirely for fruit on Kashmir, has always been a puzzle to me.

represented on small-scale maps as a continuous ridge. The grander scale and height of these hill-sides introduce a more temperate flora, the zone from 6,000 feet to 8,000 feet and upwards being covered in parts with north temperate coniferous trees, and with oak, chestnut, elm and maple, often of fine dimensions, but not reaching the same perfection that they do in the "gulees" of the Nummulitic zone, to which reference will be made in due course. The slate formation itself, on account of the hard beds of quartzite which are interstratified, rises sometimes to great heights as at Mianjani and Taumi. Tandfani is a hill station of a few wooden houses used as a summer resort by the Abbottabad residents and others, but in the winter months it and the rest of the higher ridges and peaks are a desolation of snow and sombre conifers, the snow often lying on suitable shady slopes up to the month of June.

West of this mass of peaks and ridges come the semi-detached masses of Bunyan hill, about 6,000 ft., Taumi, 8,025 ft., and Tope, 6,645 ft., with their side ridges and spurs trending N.E. and S.W., and in the latter direction lowering gradually till they merge into the low slate hills south of the Dore river near Rujoeuh.

These rocky thickly wooded mountain-crests averaging 6,000 ft., with a keen cold bracing air blowing round them, descend sharply and steeply to levels of 5,000 and 4,000 ft. ; at which levels the slopes swell out into broad foundations which are dotted with small hamlets and covered with terraced fields, the retaining walls and banks of which seen from a distance look like a natural system of approximate contours drawn on the earth itself. They descend downwards to the level of the gravel terraces which further broaden out the base of the slopes. Below this again the same terraces are deeply cut into by water-channels, and present steep disintegrating precipices bordering the edges of narrow winding gorges where the ever-murmuring streams, out of sight from above, continue their work of erosion.

On the eastern side of the Tandfani-Mianjani watershed the level of the country descends very rapidly. All the formations above the

Slate series end, and the latter occupies the whole of the great bare monotonous tract between that watershed and the Koonhar river. Villages like Chhothee Puttun, placed on comparatively flat or gently sloping spurs, are surrounded by convex slopes of disintegrating slate, whose ever-increasing steepness at last ends in the closely-shut-in gorges that drain eastwards into the Koonhar river.

The Koonhar river itself which taps the snow-fields of the Khagan valley is of the nature of a profound gorge with a very winding and very steep river-bed.

• *Descriptive detail,—general remarks.*

In writing up the descriptive part of a memoir such as this, there are two dangers into which one may fall—one may say too much and one may say too little. To bring forward exactly the right amount of proof in the form of actual traverses to establish a given bit of geological structure is a golden mean of which it is not always easy to avail oneself.

Hazara is a district in which roads from one place to another follow no general direction or rule. From any one point the geologist may start in any one of a great many radial directions following native-made paths which go from village to village. The large number of traverses and counter-traverses which have thus been made by myself and party would, if given as recorded in my note-books, be tiresome and confusing; many of them, as is but natural, have proved of little use, whilst others merely repeat sections better exposed elsewhere. On the other hand, it is equally necessary that sections of some sort should be described—sections which must include several formations, for the country is so complicated in detail that to take any one formation and to describe it from beginning to end, and then to take another and do likewise, disentangling each and laying them out straight before the reader, would not only cause endless repetition but would defeat the object of this chapter, which is to show the formations, not as individuals, but as corporate members of one structural whole.

It follows, therefore, that the sections which I shall now describe will be more or less artificially selected ones. They will not be limited in the same way that the actual traverses over the ground were limited by accidents of time and opportunity, but they will in many cases embody results of two, three, or more separate traverses, which may have been undertaken consecutively or at broken periods of time. By this means much space and weary confusing details will be saved.

### *Sections round about Hureepoor.*

Within a day's march of Hureepoor we can examine several sample sections in the slate formation. We can visit the hills to the south, east, or north-west, and traverse large areas of slate without coming upon anything higher than Infra-Trias. We will first of all examine the low hills to the south-east of Hureepoor, after having crossed over the flat plain of recent gravel and alluvium that stretches between these places.

Near Bandce Sher Khan we reach the first of the little bare strike ridges made up of slates. From that point across the hills to the south up to the edge of the Nummulitic zone the slates are set at steep angles with cleavage and bedding generally coinciding, but not always, as can be seen by the parallelism of the former with the interbedded limestones. The special feature about the slate formation in this part of the country is these limestone bands which seem to be interbedded with the slates. On the map several of them are shewn, though the thickness there represented is considerably in excess of their real thickness. Throughout this area we may remark the very steady strike of the slates. This is manifest in several ways, *viz.*, (1) by the cleavage and bedding of the slates, (2) by the connected chains of little hills which mark outcrops of the harder bands of more quartzose material in the slates, (3) by the interbedded limestone bands which can be seen capping the crest of one little hill after another, especially in the neighbourhood of Peer Kot. With this regularity of strike there is a

regularity of dip in one of two directions, but in amount and absolute direction the evidence offered by the imperfect sections exposed is not conclusive. The general impression that one gets in studying the section is that there is considerable folding and contortion of the strata, a view that is borne out by the repetition of the limestone bands of the nature of the Lunguryal band, one of which is seen at Bandee Sher Khan, and others along several lines between that village and the watershed. The band at Busera resembles the one found at Phoolah Gulee in an uncertain way, both being slightly metamorphosed with a faint marble-like aspect. The rest of the bands all resemble the Lunguryal band which has been described in the chapter devoted to the petrology of the stratigraphical elements.

Besides the evidence of repetition of these bands, the dips are high wherever actual sections are well exposed, as, for instance, along the road near Phoolah Gulee. North of this place there is a massive dip of some quartzose varieties of the Slate series (which is probably a real dip) in a north-westerly direction.

It will be seen that two of the limestone bands referred to above die out about the position of Maira Turla. This dying out seems to be by loss of material—a gradual process of thinning out, though it might have been partially effected by the continuation in that direction of the Naruh fault (see Nummulitic zone). North-east of Maira Turla there are no more instances of limestone bands interbedded with the slates; but to the north-west, in the Gundguruh range, as we shall see, they attain very great individual thicknesses.

#### *Sirban hill sections.*

Leaving the simple aspects of the Slate zone, as evidenced near Hureepoor, we will now examine the Sirban hill. On account of its classical associations in the history of geological investigations in this part of the Panjab, I propose to treat it more fully than I should otherwise do. Moreover, in consequence of its epitomising much of the geology of Hazara we shall gain something by examining it minutely as a type of much that will follow. Dr. Waagan and Mr. Wynne have described this hill in considerable detail in their joint

memoir. I was early attracted to it as being a most accessible and typical part of Hazara. I must here state that in the descriptions which follow, my indebtedness to Waagen and Wynne will be apparent on every page to all who have read their joint paper. Here and elsewhere I have endeavoured to follow their lead as regards their classification and interpretation of the rock structure, and have only departed from it when obliged to by very decisive facts.

Sirban hill has already been said to be a bold massive hill feature of the "writing-desk" kind, rising steeply from the alluvial country round about. Its aspect from the north and from the south-east can be gathered from the views (Pl. 6 and 9).

To describe the geology of Sirban in a few words is scarcely possible, and I must ask the reader's patience whilst I take him from one point to another in a somewhat erratic manner, for only by so doing can I put the matter before him in a clear and consistent way.

We will begin by visiting the little shut-in glen with amphitheatre-like crags all round it in the neighbourhood of Tanakki glen. There we have exposed the lowest formation, namely, the slate series. Only in this valley and along the south-eastern margin of the Sirban hill-mass do the slates emerge normally from beneath their great load of overlying limestones (Infra-Trias to Nummulitic, inclusive). The Tanakki glen may be looked upon as a rough anticlinal in the rocks above the slates, open towards the south-west by the glen spreading away into the alluvial flat of the Dore river, and arched over towards the north-east, not by a regular unbroken anticlinal of Infra-Trias, etc., but by an irregular arch broken by the tail end of the great north Sirban fault (see on) on its northern side, and by a sharp reversed fold accompanied by a huge dislocation on its southern side. The slates keep a low position in the valley and present no features different from those described under the heading of Petrology, except that there are no interbedded limestones. The varying amount of sandy material mixed with the more argillaceous slates makes it an easy matter

to determine the true dip which is of the usual high amounts, much obscured in places by surface deflection, but giving in general a dip of  $40^{\circ}$ — $60^{\circ}$  S.E. or S.S.E. This is especially marked in the vicinity of Koti-ki-khubbur, where the road from Berwal joins the Hureepoor-Abbottabad road, five miles from Abbottabad.

Here the basal conglomerate of the Infra-Trias is best seen in its unconformable position above the slates. This unconformity is one of the most important geological features of Hazara. It admits of no doubt, and we are thus early introduced to that sharp line of division separating everything that is above it from the great Slate series beneath.

The Infra-Trias is ushered in by this conglomerate, and it needs but a glance at the great crags which form the ridge north of Tanakki to see that they—composed of an ascending series of sandstones, quartzites, and limestones, coming above the conglomerate—are dipping *en masse* in an exactly contrary direction to the slates. Besides this, very many of the exposures on the hill slope individually shew the over-stepping of the conglomerate across the truncated edges of the Slate series.

The nature of this conglomerate has already been described. It is sufficient here to remark that its character and obviously derived origin from the rocks immediately beneath tend to strengthen the conclusion as regards the profound stratigraphical break indicated by it. It is not difficult to follow this conglomerate round in a north-easterly direction for some way up the Tanakki glen; but due north of Tanakki it is generally hidden locally by *débris* from the crags above, or by slip faults in part connected with the great north Sirban fault. The purple shales follow in normal sequence above, and these in turn give way to the deep purple sandstone. They in turn pass by a lithological transition into similarly coloured limestones which higher up become flesh-pink and then white. All these belong to the Infra-Trias group, a very fine section of which is to be found above Tanakki by ascending a cleft or gully in the precipitous crags north of that place. The ascent is easy.

A prominent distinction between the Slate series and the conglomeratic and shaley portions of the Infra-Trias in this locality is that the latter shew no trace of any cleavage, whilst the individual pebbles of which the conglomerate is made up each possess in this locality the cleavage of the parent rock from which they were derived. In view of other sections to the north of this where the conglomerate has a cross-orientation of the long axes of the pebbles (as in the Cambrian conglomerate of Snowdon) and a cleaved matrix, this point is of considerable importance and will be referred to again.

When the top of the crags is gained the whole of the bare north face of this part of the Sirban mass is seen to be sheeted by these limestones which possess singularly marked and characteristic features. They weather into a very white coloured rock, which is sometimes vesicular, and generally banded throughout by layers of chert. The joint planes are prominently developed, and appear as if made in some soft material like wood by criss-cross strokes from a heavy sharp implement. There are a few bands of coarse white grit or quartzite.

It will be seen by reference to Waagen and Wynne's map and figure 4, page 15, of their Memoir on the geology of Sirban, that these rocks are represented as Infra-Trias only up to a certain line running east of Mehra village, beyond which the greater part of the north face of Sirban is classed with the Trias formation. In the course of mapping this hill I found no reason whatever for this arbitrary line of division, and good reasons both lithological and structural for the alterations I have been compelled to make in the mapping of this part.

As this will be found to be the greatest point of difference between myself and Mr. Wynne in the mapping of Hazara, it is perhaps necessary to explain my reasons for a change that makes a large alteration in the geological features of Sirban. They are :—

(1) All these limestones which sheet the hill-side are always found (when they are found at all) in normal order superposed on the top of the typical Infra-Trias (conglomerate, shales, sandstone, and deep purple limestone). On the other hand, they are never found



beneath the typical Trias limestone when those lower members of the Infra-Trias are absent as well. This generalisation does not merely apply to the Sirban hill sections, but to all the sections in Hazara. These facts indicate that those limestones are one with the arenaceous and conglomeratic portion of the Infra-Trias series, and, though not always present when the latter are present, are always absent when they are absent.

(2) If we traverse down the slope from the ridge north of Tanakki and cross the stream-bed east of Mehra, keeping a line north or north-north-west so as to get well among the lower portions of the exposed strata, we shall see that there is no line of division whatever between a formation that can be classed with the Infra-Trias and another that can be classed with the Trias, along the line indicated by Waagen and Wynne. The sequence is continuous lithologically and structurally, and we simply cross beds of typical white Infra-Trias limestone with the vesicular and cherty structures mentioned above and with the interbedded sandstones, all dipping uniformly down the slope at  $40^{\circ}$ - $45^{\circ}$ . There is no trace of the hæmatitic felsite which is the basement bed of the Trias, nor is there anything which lithologically resembles the ordinary Trias limestone as found generally in Hazara. Only when we come to the beds marked as Tagling by Waagen and Wynne do we come to what I regard as true Trias.

The beds marked *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, by Waagen and Wynne in their memoir, figure 4, page 15, index references to which will be found at page 17, require, therefore, to be placed with the Infra-Trias limestone, as they certainly belong to a series which really underlies the hæmatitic breccia and felsitic rock. Bed *b*, is, however, said to contain fossils, *pecten*, etc., a point I was unable to verify. The source of the error in their figure 4, page 15, is to be found in the misconception that the bed marked *x* (hæmatitic bréccia) present on the summit of Sirban belonged to a horizon beneath *a*, although they failed to find it in this place. Its horizon is really beneath the bed marked *e* by them in the same section, although not visible there probably by reason of a

small fault (obviously had the hæmatitic rock appeared in its normal position here beneath *e*, this misconception would not have arisen). The same error has been repeated in the section, figure 3, page 15, where the hæmatitic breccia is represented as passing through the middle of the Trias series. This anomaly, which puzzled Waagen and Wynne (see page 17 of their memoir), does not really exist. There is no trace of the felsite in the stream-bed section south-east of Sulhud as far as I could see. It is true the bed is present on the top of Sirban, and if the stratification of the limestone-cliffs be followed from the summit down into the glen, the bed *x* would come at about this horizon if it were really interstratified with them; but its unconformable position on the top of the Infra-Trias beds carries it completely over the dip-slope on the northern face of Sirban in the neighbourhood of Sulhud. It is caught again in a small fold further to the north-east near Abbottabad, as will be made evident in the section now to be described.

The difficulties and anomalies of the Trias sections mentioned by Wynne and Waagen at page 10 of their memoir alike vanish under this interpretation.

If we travel along the road from Sulhud to Abbottabad, we shall find the great dip planes of the Infra-Trias gradually subsiding into a gentle or almost horizontal condition near the foot of the mountain. The road winds round the base of scarps and cliffs of this very characteristic rock. If we stop on getting to the outskirts of Abbottabad near the new Octroi office, we see the limestone standing up in horizontally bedded bluffs, with a depression behind on the higher mountain slope. This depression is the trough of a synclinal, and in it we shall find very characteristic exposures of the felsitic rock of Sirban (see view of Sirban from the north, Pl. 6).

On the near hill-side in the view of Sirban from the north, we have the following section :—At the base the Infra-Trias is bent into a gentle synclinal, shewing innumerable bands of the cherty material parallel to the bedding.

Sections east-north-east of Sulhud.

Sections near Abbottabad.

These increase near the felsite above ; and it does not seem improbable that they have some connection with the felsite (*e.g.*, are the result of contact metamorphism). Above the limestone come two or three beds of the felsite, very distinctly banded and with what I regard as flow-brecciation structure very visible. It is of various colours, from grey to purple or dark green. The thickness of these is not very great, not more than 30 feet. Above them in turn comes a quantity of shales, some of which are purple and micaceous, and others of a buff colour and entirely resembling those at the base of the Trias near Sulhud, called Tagling by Waagen and Wynne. In the upper part of the brecciated felsite there occurs hæmatitic material, making its appearance as a sort of ground-mass in which the broken-up pieces of felsite are scattered.

This felsitic and hæmatitic rock may be followed in one direction up to the top of the little hill marked by two trees in the view of Sirban from the north (Pl. 6), where it gradually assumes the steep dip of the underlying Infra-Trias limestone. It is bounded on the east by the north-eastern end of the north Sirban fault, which takes it underneath the cliffs of genuine Trias limestone. In its position on the two-tree hill it is exactly analogous to the same rock on the top of Sirban hill: it has been left as a skin on the north face of the two-tree hill and then caught in the synclinal as described, whereas in the case of the north face of Sirban it has been denuded away in all the lower parts of the mountain.

The Infra-Trias limestone, with this single interruption of the felsite and hæmatite, continues to occupy the northern aspect of the Sirban massif as a much-contracted sub-zone up to Shakur Bandee village. It is then lost under the alluvium of the Abbottabad plain, to reappear again in the direction of Kakool. From the point on the ridge near Shakur Bandee the great north Sirban fault is still its limit in a south-easterly direction.

It will now be convenient to cross this sub-zone boundary fault and see what is the condition of things on the other side. The first and most important thing noticeable is that the Trias limestone is

generally in contact with the fault on that side. It would not be easy to mistake this limestone for anything else. It possesses all the characteristics of the typical Trias, that is to say, it is of dark somewhat purplish-grey colour, sometimes finely oolitic and sandy. It shews the blotches of ochre colour in many places, and never throughout its whole thickness has the slightest resemblance to the rocks on the north-west face of Sirban, which I have sought to establish as belonging to the Infra-Trias series.

In the low part of the ridge near Shakur Bandee the Trias dips down against the fault at a high angle. Further to the south-west the little spur, running north-west in a line with Abbottabad in the view of Sirban from the north, shews a much more gentle roll up against the fault, which can be plainly seen cutting off the Infra-Trias at the lower end of the hill-spur. In the vicinity of two-tree

Two-tree hill.

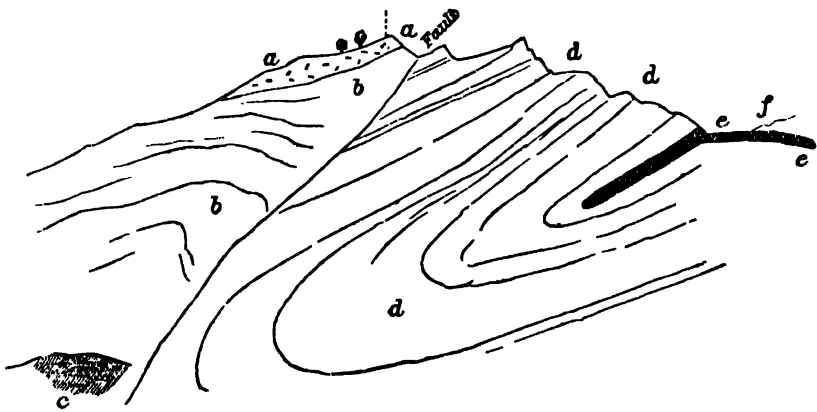


Fig. 6.

- c = Purple sandstone.
- b = Limestone and quartzite. } Infra-Trias.
- a = Brecciated felsite.
- d = Trias limestone.
- e = Spiti Shales.
- f = Nummulitic limestone.

hill, both north-east and south-west of it in the neighbouring glens, the position of the Trias against the Infra-Trias is a good example of a sigmaflexure with broken middle limb. In figure 6 I have sketched a view of this, as seen from near the head of the glen running north-west to Sulhud. The middle limb of the inverted fold has given way rather on its northern side, thus leaving much of the trough of the fold in the Trias intact. The sharpness of the inversion may be imagined from the narrow compressed position of the Spiti shales which occupy the axis of the trough. On the north side of the fault we have a completely normal section down from the felsite through Infra-Trias limestone to the purple sandstone, which may be seen at one place as indicated in the figure. Looking south-west from the head of this glen under the mass of Sirban the same marked line of break between the Trias and Infra-Trias is visible, the scarp edges of the Trias being very prominent. The line of the fault makes an angle with the vertical somewhat greater than  $30^{\circ}$  and approaching  $40^{\circ}$ . This causes the Trias to V down into the stream-bed in a very decisive way. In the section, figure 3, page 15 of Waagen and Wynne's memoir the actual line of this junction appears to have been confounded with an ordinary dip plane. Hence the apparent underlie of ordinary Trias limestone beneath the Infra-Trias to the north, and the consequent misunderstanding as to the horizon of the latter. The fault admitted by Waagen and Wynne is placed some way to the south-east along the face of the scarp in the Trias limestone, where the strata are recovering from the dip down against the fault and passing under the peak north-east of Sirban. A comparison of their map with mine will make clear our points of difference.

The Trias band we are now considering may be very well studied along the spur going north-east from the two-tree hill. The sharp faulted boundary between it and the felsite is clearly seen in plan on the ridge by the way the bare strata of Trias are gradually truncated at a very acute angle by the felsite. This spur is scarped on its south-east side with a well-exposed section of Trias limestone. Near

the foot of this scarp in the stream-bed going towards Shakur Banded the base of the Trias, with its Megalodon bed, shales, hæmatite, and brecciated felsite are seen directly superposed on the coarse white and purple quartzites which are easily recognised as identical with those near the base of the Infra-Trias. On both sides of the stream-bed the section is very distinctly exposed, the strata being thrown into a gentle arch at this point. Hæmatite is in considerable force, making a very rich ore in this valley and on the gap in the low ridge to the north-west. From this point its direction is alternately on the ridge, and on the north-west slope all the rest of the way to Shakur Banded. Some of the brecciated felsite in the stream-bed is extremely beautiful. Although the basal conglomerate in the Infra-Trias is not exposed in this stream, the lithological characters of the purple and white arenaceous beds, and the entire accordance of this section with that to be presently described on the south-east side of the mountain near Bazdar where the conglomerate is present, fix the horizon of these beds beyond doubt. That being so, the absence of any Infra-Trias limestone in the section is at first rather startling in its significance, inasmuch as it implies a very rapid overlap of the base of the Trias across the edges of the Infra-Trias limestone; for the latter is well developed, as we have seen, half a mile to the north-west. Other sections on the south-east and south-west side of Sirban will, however, be seen to allay any uneasiness on this score (see on pages 108, 109). Incidentally it may be remarked that if we take into consideration the north Sirban fault, and allow for the folded and compressed condition of the strata from which that fault originated, the apparent suddenness of the lateral change indicated by this overlap is considerably diminished.

Before turning our attention to the younger rocks coming  
Sections near Mahmda, Bazdar, and the ridge east of Tanakki. above the Trias it will be better to examine the sections mentioned in the margin as regards the inter-relations of the great Slate series, the Infra-Trias, and the Trias. At Bazdar (see Hor. Section No. I) under the crag of Trias limestone there is the hæmatite bed and a thin band of the

felsite lying directly upon the quartzites and sandstones of the Infra-Trias as in the Shakur Bandee glen, whilst beneath the deep purple and white banded quartzite come purple and greenish shales, and then the basal conglomerate in its unconformable position above the slate series. There is no Infra-Trias limestone in the section at this locality ; but Babu Hira Lal drew my attention to lenticular bands of cherty material among the purple sandstones coming next beneath the felsite which had a great resemblance to the cherty bands in the limestone of the north face of Sirban. If we take it as plausible that these cherty layers have some connection with a contact metamorphism induced by the felsite, then the occurrence of this band in the quartzite is of considerable interest.

West of Bazdar and west of the deep ravine coming south-south-east down from the main peak of Sirban the hill-side exhibits a very instructive variation from that first given, inasmuch as between the purple and white sandstones and shales of the Infra-Trias there is present a bed of pink sandy limestone a few feet thick, which is followed by white quartzite and then by the felsite and hæmatite and Trias limestone. The pink limestone possesses the characteristics of the ordinary Infra-Trias limestone as seen on the north face of Sirban. Its peculiar way of weathering in particular is of the same nature as in the limestone sheeting the north face of Sirban.

If we mount the steep craggy ridge traversing the section across the edges of the Trias and the superposed Jurassic Spiti shales, with a very small amount of grey limestone (Nummulitic) above them, we are met by the huge dislocation referred to on page 128. It is a fold-fault of much the same kind as the north Sirban fault, but its extent is not so great. Immediately north of it the ridge joining the higher summit of Sirban with the 4,070 feet spur near Mahmda is peculiar in that the strike of the beds is almost north and south for a short distance. The beds represented show the Infra-Trias in force on the western face of the ridge with large thicknesses of the limestone above of the white kind with cherty bands. This is covered by the felsite and hæmatite, and that in turn immediately overlaid by

large thicknesses of the Trias limestone steeply dipping down the east face of the ridge for some way (or else inverted) and then thrown into great corrugations at the head of the glen under the beetling crags of the Sirban peak. At other places in this glen-bottom which opens towards Bazdar, where occur repetitions by faults and folds, as shewn Pl. 9 and Hor. section I, the Infra-Trias limestone is occasionally seen intervening between the Infra-Trias quartzite and the hæmatite ; but as we descend the glen the limestone rapidly disappears from the section, until there is no trace of it, as already stated, at Bazdar.

The above section is interesting as definitely shewing a great series of the white cherty banded limestones, distinctly overlaid by the felsite and hæmatite (the latter being followed by the genuine ordinary Trias limestone) and distinctly underlaid by the sandy, shaley and conglomeratic portions of the Infra-Trias.

From the foregoing the relations of the Trias to the Infra-Trias would appear to be that of unconformity. Nevertheless, it may be worth while glancing at the situation in another light. A possible, if not probable, way of explaining it would be by assuming a rapid thinning-out of the Infra-Trias limestones in a south-easterly direction underneath the Trias. Let it be supposed that there was no original deposition of the limestone in this direction at all and see how it fits in with facts. There are certainly some aspects in which such an explanation would seem plausible enough, but the chief difficulty in the way is the short horizontal space available for such a fundamental change. Taking the thickness of the Infra-Trias limestone at its thickest as roughly approximating to 2,000 feet, it is necessary to imagine submarine conditions, whereby a deposit of this thickness was continuously laid down in one area with nothing to represent it in an adjoining area separated by not more than four miles (allowing for the compression of the region by folding and faulting). On the other side of the question the only evidence against the unconformity is:—(1) The absence of any eroded or irregular surface of the lower beds upon which the base of the Trias rests, and



(2) the apparent absence of the felsite and hæmatite beneath the Trias limestone in a north-easterly direction towards Dhuntour where the Infra-Trias is also absent. In this connection it may be also noted as peculiar that, beyond Kakool in the Turnawaee direction, the felsite and hæmatite are always present between the Infra-Trias and the Trias, but never present at the base of the Trias when all representatives of the Infra-Trias are absent.

The north-easterly part of the Sirban hill-mass is chiefly composed of the great Nummulitic formation. The very top of the Sirban ridge itself, east of the 6,243 feet summit, is also crowned by an outlier of this formation. These two separated areas are shewn as one on Waagen and Wynne's map, whereas in reality the outlier on the top of the ridge is completely cut off by a band of Trias limestone as shewn on my map.

In this Sirban section as over a large part of Hazara the limits of the Nummulitic formation in a descending order are very plainly indicated by the characteristic appearance of the Jura-Cretaceous rocks at its base. The black shales known as the Spiti shales are very generally distinguishable either *in situ* or in the form of débris which has slipped down the slope or been washed by rain into the stream or torrent beds. The Spiti shales also make a marked break on the hill-sides in many places, as for instance on the slope east of the stream running north-east to Shakur Bandee, and near Shawali on the eastern side of the Sirban mass. Very often, too, the outcrop of the Spiti shales is marked by a line of springs as on the south-east side of the high ridge.

It is chiefly owing to these marked surface features of the Spiti shales and the Cretaceous band that the working out and mapping of much of the geology of Hazara has been rendered easier than it would otherwise have been; in especial the difficulty of distinguishing readily in the field the different members of the great limestone formation has thus been greatly reduced.

The section indicated in the margin gives a fair idea of the

general position which the younger rocks of the Sirban hill hold with regard to the general structure of the mass.

Section from Sulhud glen across the Sirban ridge through Nugukkee.

We will first consider the little outlier forming the top of the ridge. On the north-west side of the ridge the outcrop of the Jurassics is not a very clear and defined one. This portion of the hill-side forming the head of the glen going to Sulhud is much obscured by fields. But proceeding in the direction of the two-tree hill, or rather to the little gap to the south of it, where the north Sirban fault passes, we shall gradually find the outcrop becoming more distinct. At the point where it turns round towards the south-east face of Sirban the Spiti shales are well indicated by the presence of a copious spring of water (and a tree or two) which supplies the needs of the village on the top of the two-tree hill and other little hamlets near. On and near the pathway leading from the gap south-east of the 6,243 summit to Nugukkee we cross a continuation of the same Jura-Cretaceous band. It is here again marked by a spring of water, and the terraced fields all round are tinged a dark colour by the degradation of the shales. In all these outcrops of the Jura-Cretaceous there are apparently all the ordinary members of the sequence present, although there are many sections in other parts of Hazara which much better show the nature and relations of these rocks. The dark shales are, however, pretty generally visible, and the Gieumal sandstone may easily be detected in blocks strewn about the slope in the near vicinity of the shales, whilst the Cretaceous rock (always a thin band) can only with difficulty be found here and there in isolated blocks displaced from its *in situ* position. If we cross to the south side of the outlier we are now considering, following the pathway to Nugukkee, we shall see the Spiti shales lying on great bare surfaces of the Trias limestone ; both of these formations being much puckered and sharply folded as the head of the glen going towards Bazdar is approached. In Horizontal Section No. I, I have indicated this puckering and contortion as the formations come within the influence of the north Sirban fault. Above the encircling outcrop of the Jura-

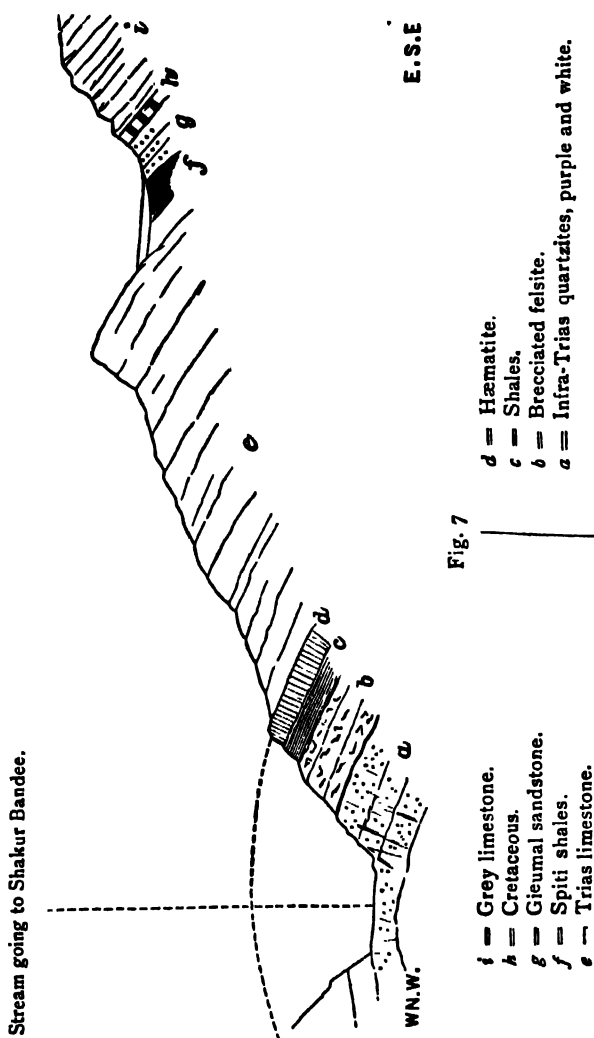


Fig. 7

Cretaceous, the thin-bedded Grey limestone and possibly some of the Nummulite-bearing limestone also, form the rather steep and rough hill-side leading to the top of the ridge.

Leaving the higher parts and continuing on towards Nugukkee we cross a band of the Trias as an anticlinal, sharply reflexed, and then come upon all the Jura-Cretaceous and Nummulitic series again in a slightly inverted position. The Spiti shales here yielded some fairly perfect specimens of *ammonites* and *belemnites* collected by

Hira Lal. This Jura-Cretaceous band continues north-north-east and joins up with the band in the glen going towards Shakur Bandee, where a marked depression in the hill-side (about the position of the word Ookhreeluh on the map) reveals its presence. The accompanying sketch-section shows its position and the rocks below and above.

The above is practically the section figured in Dr. Verchère's section (Journ. As. Soc., Bengal, Vol. XXXVI, p. 29, 1867) and rather unfairly animadverted upon by Wynne and Waagen in their memoir, p. 14 ; but he apparently did not detect the thin and somewhat obscured outcrop of the Spiti shales or Cretaceous. For some little way beyond this along the direction of the outcrop the Jura-Cretaceous can be followed by the depression at the surface alluded to above, but about 1 mile on this side of Shakur Bandee the débris from the Nummulitic cliffs have hidden the outcrop for the rest of the way. Returning back along the outcrop we might follow it in a S.S.W. direction across the hill spur going from Sirban to Bazdar, when we should see that it and the overlying nummulitic formation are not continued in this direction, and that the Jura-Cretaceous outcrop returns upon itself, following a devious course towards Dhumtour. The steep glen to the west of this spur is cut down through the Trias into the Infra-Trias, and there remain on the hill east of Tanakki only two small patches (scarcely representable on this scale map) of the Jurassic, Cretaceous and Nummulitic formations.

The steep crags of Nummulitic limestone with the strata vertical or reversed which come next the Jura-Cretaceous band on the pathway from Sirban to Nugukkee shew the usual characteristics of that series. The pathway zigzags down among its cliffs, which gradually lessen in steepness as the somewhat large village of Nugukkee is approached. Although the strata are still dipping in towards the hill-side, it is plain that we are ascending in the series, for shaley bands interstratified with the nodular limestone become more numerous. In one of the former quite close to Nugukkee and a little north of it there is a rich band of corals of the genus *Montlivaltia*. Nugukkee is placed on the chief beds of shale which make a somewhat flattened-out platform along the axis of the reversed synclinal. The platform is bounded on the south by a descending series of more of the harder Nummulitic limestone which there again presents a steep scarp down towards the valley of the Dore (see view of Sirban from the south).

Near the foot of the hill the base of the Nummulitics is reached and the Jura-Cretaceous is exposed with a fine development of Gieumal sandstone in which some fossils were found. The Cretaceous is not well seen as a distinct bed at this locality, and the Spiti shales are reduced to next to nothing, if not absolutely absent. Waagen and Wynne say there is no development of Spiti shales beyond in the direction of Dhumtour, but this is not strictly true, as further on towards Shawali they come in again, and the whole of the Jura-Cretaceous band forms a marked line of depression on the hill-side easily distinguished from a distance. At Shawali the hill-side presents the appearance sketched below :—

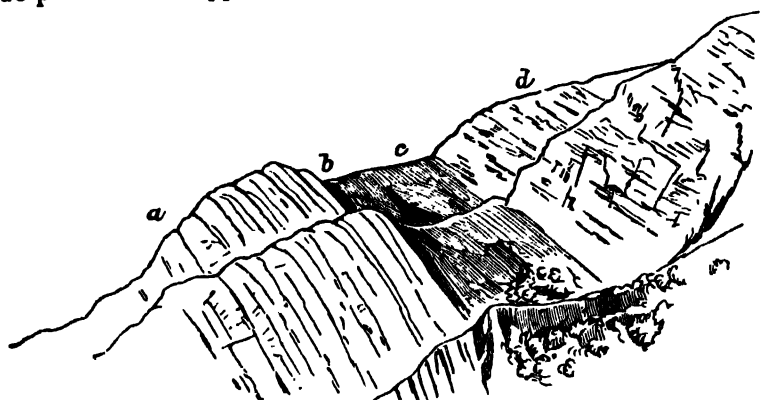


Fig. 8.

*d* = Grey limestone.

*c* = Gieumal sandstone.

*b* = Spiti shales.

*a* = Trias.

In any case the statement of Waagen and Wynne (Sirban Memoir, p. 11) that the "cretaceous beds appear to follow immediately above the triassic limestone" is incorrect inasmuch as there is always present a certain thickness of Gieumal sandstone, even when the Spiti shales are not visible.

The Gieumal sandstone which with its overlying Grey and Nummulitic limestone is quite close to the foot of the hill at this place (Nugukkee) can be seen to climb up the hill-side in the direction of Shawali. There is also some

Section near Shawali.

considerable contortion of the strata well seen in the view (Pl. 9). The Trias limestone coming beneath it is of considerable thickness and is very typically developed. About  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles before reaching Shawali the outcrop of the latter also climbs the hill leaving the Slate series exposed beneath it. It is to be noticed that there is no trace of the Infra-Trias between the slates and the Trias at this place nor anywhere to the north round this end of the hill-mass. On the testimony of Mr. Edwards also there is no trace of the hæmatite or felsite. This is an instance of the peculiarity noticed, page 110. The disappearance of the Infra-Trias from the section in this part of the hill does not appear to have been noticed by Waagen and Wynne as they carry its colour on their map all the way along in this direction to the end of the hill. The band of the Jura-Cretaceous also which is very marked (see sketch, fig. 8) is misplaced on their map and carried too far to the north. It is represented as occurring  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles north-west of Dhumtour in the neighbourhood of a "ziarat."<sup>1</sup> In reality the shaley rocks seen there are part of the Nummulitic series, whilst the true Jura-Cretaceous band vanishes under the alluvium of the river-bed about due west of Dhumtour. It should be remarked once for all that I merely mention such little corrections as these in order that it may be understood that I have not altered Waagen and Wynne's map in these matters of detail from caprice or from holding a different *opinion* as to how the beds should run, but simply as the result of an intimate acquaintance with every foot of the mountain. Waagen and Wynne expressly state at the end of their Sirban paper "we have not sought to map the boundaries with absolute accuracy as yet;" so that I hope these little corrections will be accepted as offered in no carping spirit. When it is as easy to be accurate as not I think it right to call attention to such changes, though small in themselves, because an extended survey of any tract always brings such to light, without in the least reflecting blame on the earlier workers who had to give

<sup>1</sup> Ziarat = sacred grove.

more time to generalities and less to points of detail than those who follow after them.

In the Shawali section the presence of the sandstone in which the coal of Hewson's mine occurs may be noticed  
 Coal-bearing sandstone near Shawali. on the hill-side about 200-300 feet above the Jura-Cretaceous band, and between the Grey limestone and the Nummulite-bearing limestone. The same bed also comes down to the alluvium at a point west-north-west of Dhumtour about the second "a" of Nawa.<sup>1</sup> This point is within a few yards of one of the pillars erected by the preliminary survey for the railway to Kashmir, so if that project is ever realised it might be worth while trying the bed for coal.

All the little ridges with steep ravines between them lying between Dhumtour and Shakur Bandee in the  
 Section north-west of Dhumtour. neighbourhood of Ookhreeluh are composed of Nummulitic limestone and shales. The latter are principally confined to the more central part of the area corresponding to the centre of the general synclinal into which the rocks are here thrown. The hill-sides are very rough (except where the shales give a pleasant foothold) and so strewn with weathered blocks across which it is difficult to pick one's way that the real structure of the subsidiary folds borne on the general inverted synclinal is difficult to make out.

Returning to the south-western end of the hill mass we may note the remarks of Waagen and Wynne<sup>2</sup> that "the  
 Unconformability of the Jurassics on the top of the Trias. unconformability of the shales (Jurassic) upon the older rocks is most easily to be observed on the long spur south by west from the summit of Sirban, the surface of the underlying triassic limestone being eroded, pierced by holes of boring molluscs and successively overlapped by the Spiti shales." All this I can corroborate. The same appearance is

<sup>1</sup> These and similar expressions will be understood to be elliptical — the full expression of course being "the place on the hill corresponding to the 'a' of Nawa on the map."

<sup>2</sup> Sirban Memoir.

also noticeable near Shawali. This successive overlapping of the shales above the Trias is particularly evidenced in places where a deposit of martite forming the bottom layer of the Spiti shales, and only an inch or two thick, covers the outcropping faces of the Trias, like a stair-carpet. The holes made by the boring molluscs in the same way may be found on both horizontal and vertical surfaces of the rock below.

The nature of the unconformity is very similar to that between the *Productus* shales and the Carboniferous quartzite of the Central Himalaya of Kumaun. All the same appearances in the field are generated.

We have now gone over the structural details of the Sirban hill in as concise a way as the nature of the subject allowed. I have not thought it worth while recording the varying amounts of dip observable at different places, because in a steep rocky hill of this kind with towering precipices and deeply cut-back ravines, so much of the solid geology is seen that a surface dip record would be a feeble and misleading account of the huge folds whose limbs have different inclinations at different depths. If the horizontal section No. I which traverses the most typical part of the mountain be studied in connection with the map and the two geologically-coloured views of it, there should be little difficulty in grasping its main geotectonic features. A few general remarks may, however, be made here. The prevailing direction of strike is north-east and south-west, a law seldom departed from. The prevailing direction of dip is north-west, normal or inverted. But rarely is there a dip to the south-east. No doubt dips to the south-east were once present, but nearly all such have become inverted in the process of the gradual growth and development of a set of folded flexures out of a previously gently undulating condition of the rocks. In some cases the inverted limb continues, and in others a reversed fold-fault represents it partly or wholly. Three most striking fold-faults of this kind have come about in the Sirban area. The first and perhaps the largest is a matter of inference and follows the north-west edge of the mountain,



separating the slates to the north from the younger historical rocks of Sirban. Owing to the recent gravels which occupy the valleys to the north of Sirban this fault cannot be actually seen, nor can it be represented on the map, because its actual position cannot be fixed. The evidence for the important nature of the fault is of course furnished by the steady dip down of the Infra-Trias in the direction of the slates as if it would pass under them, a condition which would be unintelligible without a fault of no small dimensions coming between them. An accurate estimate of its throw is impossible, but 4,000 feet would probably be under the mark, provided, as seems likely, that the fracture was complete and had entirely replaced the middle limb of the generating sigmaflexure.

The second fold-fault has been already referred to as the north Sirban fault. It marks a second line of intense folding or tearing and faulting of the rocks. Its throw varies at different points, but must reach 2,000 feet near the centre of the mountain-mass.

The third important fold-fault cutting through the hill east of Tanakki, and the two or three subsidiary faults in the neighbourhood, are all of the same nature, and in many places furnish clear proof of their origin in a sigmaflexure, by remnants of the middle limb of the latter being still left in full view on the steep side of the Bazdar glen (see Horizontal Section No. I).

From the evidence before us, therefore, laid bare in the slopes and precipices of Sirban by the chisel of time, it becomes very clear that this part of the Slate zone has been the seat of immense disturbance of the strata since the latter were deposited horizontally on their varied sea-bottoms. The three unconformities indicated, one at the base of the Infra-Trias, one at the base of the Trias, and the third at the base of the Spiti shales, also inform us that the disturbance of the area has gone on from primitive geological times; and that though the present folds and lines which dominate the earth's crust at this point must date from post-Nummulitic times, they are perhaps only the last phase of a continuing upheaval (with

folding) of the area since the deposition of the great and ancient Slate series.

*Sections in the Slate zone north-west of Abbottabad.*

The country to the north-west of Abbottabad, which is comprised within the Slate zone, is simply a continuation of the monotonous slate hills which form the wonderfully regular chain on the south-east side of the Miankhaki stream. The slates are unbroken by anything but a few harder beds of quartzite here and there, and by one or two very insignificant trap dykes. There are no limestone bands to mark out the nature and amount of the flexures into which the rocks are thrown.

At one point below Khotukka village, over against the Trias of Sulhud, there is an isolated block of Trias limestone standing alone on the slates. It is probably a detached piece not in its normal position. It is one of the masses called "erratic" by Wynne, but there seems little reason for regarding its position there as due to glacial action or any method of transport other than a displacement due to earth movements, or probably to a mere landslip of very ancient date.

As regards the relation of the north-western side of the Slate zone here to the schistose and metamorphic zone, it will be better to postpone any remarks until the latter zone comes to be described in detail.

*Slate zone: Sections near Meerpoor, Kakool, Turnawae, Dubbun, and Gurhee-Hubeebooluh.*

Between Sirban mountain and the complicated area now to be described there is a wide stretch of alluvium forming what is known as the Abbottabad dharah, or plain: beneath which all the rocks of Sirban vanish to reappear again in the neighbourhood of Meerpoor, Kakool, and Mundroch. In elevation this plain is about 4,000 feet, and it is deeply cut into by steep-sided little "nullahs," e.g., the Jub N., most of which carry their water to the Dore river. On the north side of this

plain, where it is merging into the Mansehrh plain, the drainage goes the other way and eventually joins with the Sirun river. Here the nullahs are even more deeply cut down than on the southern part of the plain, and they wind about between walls of clay and gravel, 200 or 300 feet high, in the same confusing way that they do in the country south-east of Hureepoor. The cause of their deep channel seems to be the same here as in the latter place, namely, the bare nature of the slate hills in the vicinity, which are almost destitute of all vegetation whatever. The rain in no case is held back for a time, but immediately after a shower rushes madly down-hill, and collecting into a fierce torrent scours out a passage for itself by cutting vertically through the soft alluvium. On this account the Sirun river, like the Dore, is subject to sudden spates, and the crossing of it at Khakee and Sher Ali Shah is often as uncomfortable a proceeding as of the latter at Sultanpoor. Similar rushes of water caused by the melting of the winter snow on the hills all tend to keep these nullahs of the steep-sided nature that I have described. Much more water comes from afar in the hills than from the near vicinity, for the reason that much more rain falls on the hills than in the neighbourhood of Abbottabad; hence, in a measure and on a small scale, these little deep-sided ravines are similar to the large cañons so characteristic of rainless areas. Still here, as in the Hureepoor plain, there must have been a time during which the alluvium of this plain was being formed instead of being cut away, for the plain and its deep channels are not such as could be produced by streams alternately eroding and depositing.

It would seem as if this change in the nature of the action of the streams might have been brought about by a general elevation of the country within recent times, which, having steepened the river and stream gradients, would have caused denudation to go on where before was deposition, and deposition to be relegated to a lower level. But there is also a possible cause in the demolition of the forest which, no doubt, went on over all these tracts of what is now bare hill-side in the earlier periods of man's occupation of it.

There seems to be no reason for the idea that this plain was once a lake basin, because, as I have already explained, the altitude of the surface of the alluvium varies within large limits, and there is a gradual change of level (without any sudden drop) from 4,000 feet at Abbottabad to 1,100 at Turbeluh.

The portion of the Slate zone, in which one or two typical sections will now be taken for description, comprises the

**Generalities.** strip of country south-east of the great Crystalline and metamorphic zone, extending from Meerpoor to Gurhee-Hubeebooluh and with a width of from two to four miles. It is chiefly remarkable for the narrow width, of the outcrops of sharply-folded repetitions of Infra-Trias and Trias. Rocks younger than the Trias are scarcely visible in this little bit of country, but they come in strongly to the south-east of it on the Abbottabad side of the Tandíáni ridge. It is apparent, therefore, that this area, which for convenience is placed with the Slate zone, might with equal propriety be represented as a sub-zone of Trias and Infra-Trias rocks among the Slate zone. I have already remarked that the four great disturbance zones into which I have divided the district may sometimes be again divided into smaller subdivisions, and the present is an instance in point. The north slopes of Sirban hill, in like manner, might also be placed in a sub-zone, which is the precise equivalent of this.

It is a difficult and out-of-the-way bit of country to penetrate into. The great complex of folds and faults are all striking N.E.—S.W. or N.N.E.—S.S.W. Beyond Meerpoor the Slate series is not in evidence until the Koonhar river is reached. The boundary line between the Slate zone and the Crystalline and metamorphic zone is a sharply-faulted one.

About one mile N.N.W. of Meerpoor village and a short distance to the east of the Abbottabad-Mansehrh road

**Section near Meerpoor and Kakool.** we find a section which is the counterpart of the one at Koti-ki-Khubbur (Sirban sections). Beneath high scarped cliffs of the Infra-Trias limestone presenting

bold precipices to the west there occur the lower members of the Infra-Trias, namely, purple quartzites and sandstones followed in descending order by purple shales, and then by traces here and there of the conglomerate which unconformably overlies the Slate series. The unconformability of the one above the other, and the actual sequence, is not so well seen as at the south-west end of the Sirban Hill range, but with a little care the mutual relations of the individual beds can be made out. The outcrop of the slates can be traced for a little over a mile along the base of the hill face, after which they sink beneath the alluvium, and the latter hides everything up to the Infra-Trias limestone.

The whole of the great semi-isolated hill-mass, of which these cliffs are the western side, lying between Meerpoor and Bandee Peer Khan is composed of Infra-Trias limestone ; its elevated, rugged, and barren crest shewing gently undulating folds in the strata with a N.E.—S.W. strike. At the very northernmost end of the hill, where the spurs descend to the level of the alluvium, the road to Mansehrh takes a sudden turn to the north-east and goes for half a mile parallel to a number of marked strike ridges in the limestone.

South-east of Meerpoor in the direction of Kakool the bare hill-sides and marked bedding of the Infra-Trias limestone are seen to perfection in profile from the Abbottabad-Mansehrh road. At Kakool the hill-sides recede somewhat, and it is necessary to ascend a gentle slope of alluvium inbaying among the hills before we can begin to trace out the very complicated cross-section at this end of the geological complex. The village of Kakool tops the alluvial slope, and behind it a great number of straight spurs and gorges descend from the direction of Koond (7,841 feet), their general lie coinciding with a number of closely-packed isoclinal folds of rocks embracing representatives of the Infra-Trias limestone, the felsitic rock and hæmatite, and the Trias limestone. The left-hand end of horizontal section No. 2 had better be consulted here for details, as words are inadequate to do justice to the complications. East and south of Kakool the sharply-carved edges of the rocky spurs display

a thicker band of Trias limestone outcropping down the ridge from Maira and Buloliya and enfolding in a steep synclinal reversed to the north-west a patch of the Spiti shales, which are traceable from the hill behind Kakool as far as 1 mile north-east of Buloliya. The Trias then turns over in an arch, the south-eastern limb becoming sharply cut off by a fault which brings in the Infra-Trias again. The last band may be followed all round the edge of the hills in a south-westerly direction to near Nawashahir (3,954 feet) where a straight and steady fault brings in the great Nummulitic formation. The Infra-Trias along this line is spread out in a flat platform, receiving above it Trias limestone in a very gentle synclinal fold. Such is a brief account of the rock bands as projected on the rim of the alluvial bay from Meerpoor to Mundroch Chhothee.

The following more noteworthy points in the section may here be given. As regards the Infra-Trias last mentioned near Mundroch, it consists of purple shales in a rather obscure outcrop next the fault, covered by purple sandstone, and a white, powdery felspathic sandstone. In all ways these rocks resemble the sandstones and shales which we found representing the Infra-Trias near Shakur, Bandee, and Bazdar. No conglomerate is exposed at this point, nor are there any calcareous members of the Infra-Trias present. Dipping at a low angle north-west at first they then flatten out as mentioned above. Just about the "C" of Chhothee, and the "n" of Mundroch Buree fragments of hard hæmatite and brecciated felsite were found, but the rock could not be traced to a position *in situ* between the Infra-Trias and Trias. Such places as were explored, as for instance the edge of the hills south-west of Kakool shewed the latter superposed on the former, without any intervening volcanic rock. Nevertheless, the fragments strewn over the exposed surface of the lower series plainly indicate that it does exist in certain places, though not in all.

North of the village of Kakool the stream-bed is strewn with large fragments of felsite in considerable quantity—a fact accounted

for by the numerous beds of it which appear in the intensely folded ridges of this part, and also by the thickness of the bed lying on the north-west face of the ridge north of Kakool, which is from 30—40 feet thick.

All the individual beds here referred to may be traced up the steep hill spurs and ravines towards Koond.

About 2 miles north-north-east of Kakool, about the junction of the felsite and the Trias limestone, Hira Lal found a steatitic shale or clay.

Half a mile east of Kakool we have the following section ascending towards the south-south-east. After the synclinal in the Trias and Jurassics behind Kakool we pass over a fault, and Infra-Trias limestone sets in. This apparently becomes interbedded with and passes up into a great thickness of purple and pale shales and sandy beds. Above this comes the felspathic sandstone and then the Trias limestone. The points of peculiarity in this section are the apparent passage upwards of the Infra-Trias limestone into shales, and the absence of any felsite in the section. At what point the base of the Trias begins is uncertain, but most probably it is at the base of the felspathic sandstone.

Turnawae village is situated just on the north-west side of the great boundary fault which, along this line of Turnawae sections, country, divides the Crystalline and metamorphic zone from the Slate zone. Its immediate foundations are a gravel plateau resting in the valley of the Icher N. with steep and high cliffs cut through by that stream.

The distinction between the two sets of rocks on each side of the boundary fault is a very marked one at this place, as it is all the way on from here to Gurhee-Hubeebooluh. On the one hand the schistose rocks extend from the fault in gently undulating spurs, and expose along the stream-beds a uniform low cliff of white and shining micaceous debris, which incessantly powders down from the crushed or, as one might almost say, churned-up schists which compose it. On the other hand the sombre-coloured limestones and

associated rocks rise into bold thickly-bedded rock-masses as they proceed by jagged vertically-stratified spurs to join up with the Sichar peak (8,654 feet). The Icher N. drains between these spurs from Sichar peak and receives branches from the direction of Koond and other prominent ridges. Its gorge is very steep and shut-in in places, and its final gathering slopes under Sichar present 3,000 feet of steep untrodden precipice.

The section exposed up this gorge is, in all essentials, a duplicate of that in the neighbourhood of Kakool. The first rock met with east of Turnawae after the great fault is passed is Trias limestone striking a trifle east of north. Next comes Infra-Trias limestone for a considerable distance, and that is followed by thin bands of felsite, Trias, etc., as seen in the annexed section, fig. 9.

Turnawae.

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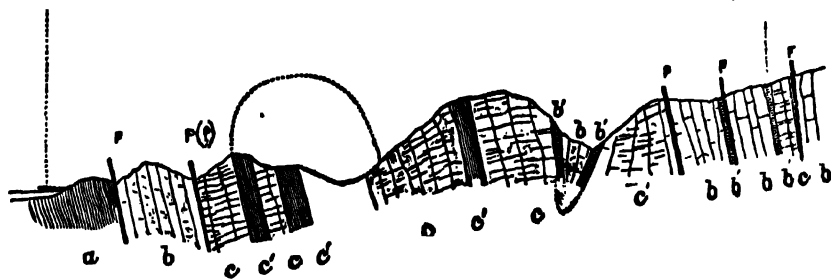


Fig. 9.

- b* = Trias limestone.
- b'* = Felsitic and hæmatitic rock.
- c* = Infra-Trias limestone.
- c'* = Yellow shales in *c*.
- a* = Schistose series.

The reader will find little difficulty in joining up the Kakool and Turnawae sections. The almost vertical lie of the rocks makes the strike and outcrop almost coincident, and the narrow bands travel in a perfectly straight course from point to point.

But the difficulty of understanding rocks packed together in this marvellous way in thin strips divided up by numerous faults is so great that a reconstruction of the folds originally taken by the rocks



is nearly impossible. We shall, however, be safe in concluding that the horizontal compression which the rocks have sustained here is even more intense than that which the Sirban area sustained.

The Trias band which lies next to the schists in the last section is continued across the hill spurs to near Hazira, Section near Dubbun. when it skirts the south-east side of the Icher (another stream of the same name as at Turnawaee), leaving the schists occupying the other side. Thus the great boundary fault here coincides with the flat and open stream-bed, which is the common high-way between the lower country of the Mansehrum plain and the high level valley of Dubbun. The long straight reach along which the fault passes is monotonous and bare, save for a few elder groves at intervals in the shingly bed. After a little over a mile the fault leaves the stream-bed and passes along the north-west side of valley for some way, eventually returning to the middle of the high valley of Dubbun. Between the latter and the lower reaches lies a steep and weary climb up the narrowed gorge in the Trias limestone band east of the fault. This band continues diagonally across the Dubbun valley and occupies the steep western slopes of Phoot hill (6,654 ft.), whilst the boundary fault is indicated by a marked gap or pass at the head of the Dubbun glen where the Icher drainage is parted from the Rutwala drainage.

The country between Sichar and Phoot trigonometrical points was difficult of access at the time of our visit; the sky was threatening snow, and had we lingered among these high valleys we might have been weather-bound for a month or more. Consequently the actual details of the continuation of the bands of the Infra-Trias and Trias from the Turnawaee glen in this direction, and their dying out or confluence, as the case may be, was not followed out by us. Hira Lal, however, crossed from Turnawaee to Dubbun *via* Lagal bun and was able to mark out two separate folds of Trias limestone, felsite and Infra-Trias, whilst Edwards followed an apparently very thick outcrop of the felsite along the ridge near Phoot, and subsequently the cliffs at the head of the Booe stream under Phoot were shewn

by the latter to be of Infra-Trias limestone. I myself was at the time more or less incapacitated for hard scrambling by an accident to my right wrist.

Still, apart from details, it seems clear that we have all along this bit of country, from the Turnawaee glen to Dubbun, a strike continuation of the complex of steep isoclinal folds of Infra-Trias and Trias, such as were found in the Turnawaee gorge and south-west of Koond in the direction of Kakool and Meerpoor.

At the little pass north of Dubbun, we are on the watershed dividing the streams going south-west to the Indus from those going north-east to the Koonhar. Section down from the Rutwala stream. Functionally, therefore, it is a continuation of the north and south watershed which goes by Tandiáni Mianjani, etc., referred to (orography of the Slate zone, p. 95) and the gap is homologous to Beerun Gullee, Nathia Gullee, etc., to which reference will be made later. The true *analogues* of the gap are of course to be found along the line of the boundary fault, where a marked elevation of the hill spurs to the south-east and a lowering of them to the north-west, together indicate that line very plainly.

The way up to the pass, along which we have come, has been a gradual slope leading by the Icher N. from the level of the Mansehrub plain; but the descent to the Koonhar is of the nature of a sudden drop. The Mansehrub plain to the north near Phughu, where the road to Gurhee-Hubeeboolah goes, gives way in a similarly sudden way, the earth seeming to open at our feet in deep ravines and gorges tributary to the Koonhar. The view from the little pass into the basin of the Koonhar is very striking. Across the valley an endless prospect of ridge and gorge, arranged one behind the other, lead up in the far distance to the Nanga Parbat group of snowy peaks in Kashmir, and according to the season are either clothed in limpid sunlight and purple of the deepest hue, or grey and storm-strewn, as mist and cloud in advancing hosts drop fatness among the valleys and dredge white with snow the bare summits and higher crests.

The geological section exposed in the Rutwala stream is very simple as far as Sihali, being entirely among the schistose rocks. At Sihali the boundary fault crosses the stream at the same place as the latter takes a turn to the east. The rocks east of the boundary fault are nothing but a much-folded complex in the Infra-Trias limestone with no representatives of the Trias or felsite left.

The following section will illustrate this point :—

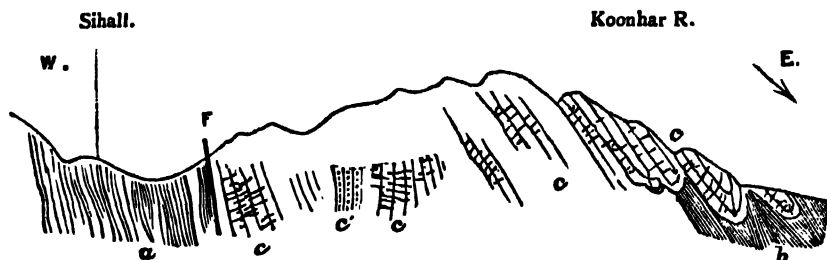


Fig. 10.

- $c'$  = White quartzite.
- $c$  = Infra-Trias limestone.
- $b$  = Slate series.
- $a$  = Schistose rocks.

The whole of the hill-side on the right bank of the Koonhar between the Rutwala stream and Gurhee-Hubeebooluh is composed of a continuation of the Infra-Trias limestone of the above section, presenting sheer precipices to the river, with the exception of the actual river-bed itself, which, in several places, is seen to be cut down to the slates beneath. The junction of the two rocks is not well seen, and there seems to be no trace of the basal conglomerate, though some beds of the purple quartzite or sandstone, visible along the river-bed, may belong to the Infra-Trias. There are indications that the Infra-Trias limestone is much folded in its relation to the slates.

On the left bank of the Koonhar, round about Gurhee Hubeebooluh, there occur slates, schistose slates, and schists. In the space between the Rutwala stream and Jubree the change from slates to schists has been accomplished, and from the occurrence of all intermediate steps between a normal slate and a normal schist, it seems

to be established that there is a real passage and not an apparent one only between the two. Down-stream from this locality nothing but slates persist, and up-stream nothing but schists. On the left bank of the river, therefore, there is no evidence for a continuation of the boundary fault between the Slate zone and the Crystalline and metamorphic zone which we have hitherto seen to be persistent.

The bed of the Koonhar at this locality is in a wide open valley inclining to the U shape rather than to the steep V shape which we shall see it possesses further down its course. That this is an indication of the work done by glaciers in post-Tertiary times seems to be likely from the evidence I shall presently notice on the high hill-spurs. The present river-bed is filled with recent gravels in terraces rising to 300 ft. above the river. They present no peculiarities different from similar deposits in the Dore and other drainage lines in Hazara.

The portion of the ridge, south of the pass going between Gurhee-Hubeebooluh and Muzuffurabad, and which lies in Hazara, as also the continuation of the same ridge down to the point where the Jhelum and Koonhar join one another, is composed of slates or schistose slates.

Section along the  
ridge south of Laichi  
Khun and the vicinity.

Along the line of the road from Gurhee-Hubeebooluh up to the pass the slates are faintly schistose only. In the lower parts of the hill slopes the strike is north-north-east to south-south-west, but higher up it becomes north and south.

Northwards from the pass up towards Srikote and Laichi Khun and quite close to the pass, we come first upon some of the confused heaps of rocks of several formations, which, I am of opinion, are of glacial origin. Along with them there is a large amount of powdered-up purple and sandy material together with Nummulitic limestone, which mark the north-west end of a strip of the Murree series, which we may see outcropping in a south-east direction towards Domel in Kashmir. Round about Tangar these beds are seen to better perfection. Although the section is disfigured to a great extent by débris, and old morainic material, we can nevertheless distinguish a good band of Nummulitic limestone striking north-west to

south-east along the north-east side of the outcrop of Murree beds and there is also a trace of it on the south-west side of this band, facts which indicate a regular synclinal in these strata modified by faulting and crushing.

Before going further I may draw attention to an important structural feature. We have now arrived just on the borderland, where the normal strike of Hazara, *i.e.*, north-east and south-west (approximately), gives way to that of Kashmir, which is generally speaking north-west and south-east. The former indicates that it belongs to the great Hindu-Kush system of earth-movements, and the latter that it belongs to that of the Himalaya. If Mr. Lydekker's map of Kashmir be consulted in conjunction with mine of Hazara, it will be seen that the above statement is in accordance with facts. Without dwelling any longer just now on this point I may note a curious feature of the Murree beds which compose this thin band in the neighbourhood of the pass. Whilst the general outcrop of the band runs north-west and south-east, which should indicate a strike much in the same direction (considering the high dips usually found in these parts and the evident synclinal into which the rocks are thrown), and whilst the Nummulitic limestone bands on either side of the Murree series also trend in the same direction, it is nevertheless a curious fact that the only individual dips found in these Murree beds are in an exactly contrary direction. Near Tangar, in fact, there is a fine cliff exposure of the Murree sandstone dipping due south-east at  $60^{\circ}$ . I do not wish to lay too much stress on a single observation of this kind in a rather obscure section; but if it has any meaning at all it would seem to be connected with the great structural feature mentioned above, namely, the line of change between the Hindu-Kush and Himalayan systems of earth-movements. The thinness of the band of Nummulitic limestone to the north-east of this Murree series, and the appearance of the slates next to the band on its south-west side, plainly indicate fold-faults running north-west—south-east. It should be mentioned that the slates in close proximity to the Murree beds have their foliation strike rapidly but gradually changed from

a north-east—south-west to a north and south, and then to a north-west—south-east strike; so that at the fault between them and the Murree beds their foliation strike is parallel to the outcrop of the Murree beds. The above faults are further indicated by the very much broken up and powdered condition of the next rock to the north, namely, the Infra-Trias limestone which rises in bold scarps.

As we continue up the ridge towards Srikote over this limestone, we find the beds settle down to a north-east—south-west strike, with a north-west dip of  $40^{\circ}$  to  $60^{\circ}$ . At the first rise in the ridge, however, there seems to be a small inverted anticlinal, exposing some dark-coloured slates entirely unmetamorphosed. After passing these there is a steady ascending series in the Infra-Trias, as far as the first high point at the south end of the Srikote ridge. The Infra-Trias limestone here is a little abnormal in character. It is somewhat thinner bedded than that of Sirban hill which I take as a type. It is full of cherty bands more or less brecciated in places. Near the high point just referred to, and as we reach the upper horizon of these rocks, the cherty bands increase in number and size, and they become more siliceous and more definitely banded and brecciated as the top is reached. A tumbled mass of very rough crags then shew a clastic breccia or agglomerate of this rock, with a few well-rolled pebbles of white quartzite, and with a sandy and calcareous matrix not very prominent. This clastic breccia and pebbly layer seem to indicate an unconformity, for the next rock above is a coarse slightly calcareous sandstone which seems to pass down into the conglomerate. The sandstone is variegated in its colours and is not unlike the coal-bearing sandstone of the Dore river. It is about 30 feet thick, and it gradually passes upwards into dark concretionary Nummulitic limestone of the ordinary Hazara type, with minute foraminifera running in strings and throngs among and between the concretions. In this section, which shews no signs of faulting above the Infra-Trias, there is neither Trias, Jura, nor Cretaceous represented, and there is also absent the limestone, which, for convenience, I have placed (not without misgivings) with the Nummulitics, namely, the so-called Grey

limestone. The absence of the above formations, coupled with the conglomeratic character of the base of the sandstones, and the inclusion among it of an angular clastic breccia so plainly re-made from the *in situ* brecciated cherty bands of the Infra-Trias, argue an unconformity at this point.

The rest of the way along the ridge up to Srikote, now fairly horizontal though rugged, is composed of Nummulitic limestone. The dip has slackened off from  $40^{\circ}$  to  $60^{\circ}$  north-west and is now slightly undulating only.

Srikote point itself is just situated on the axis of a sharp anticlinal curve in the Nummulitic limestone. Its northern slope is a dip plane of  $70^{\circ}$  north-west in a good exposure, after which comes a fault and the section repeats itself, beginning with the Infra-Trias limestone, of which there is only a small amount exposed, then the sandstone with the angular agglomerate at the base, and then Nummulitic limestone again for nearly a mile, the ridge becoming very rugged and broken. The strike gradually changes to east and west and the dip to the north. Pale limestone is now interbedded with purple shales, and then follow several hundred feet of purple shale, and then the latter interbedded with Murree sandstone. The Murree sandstone then increases in quantity, and it and the shales continue the rest of the way to the top of Laichi Khun peak (8,811 feet).

The outcrops of these beds to the west down the slopes and likewise to the east were very well seen in their relative positions from the ridge.

The position of the Murree beds, capping as they do a great hill such as Laichi Khun, and lying in such evident gentle superposition on the top of the Nummulitic limestone as a great outlier, is a noticeable feature here, for, as we shall see when we come to the description of the Nummulitic zone and the north Tertiary zone, this clear and straightforward superposition of the one on top of the other is but seldom found towards the plain-ward edge of Hazara.

The Infra-Trias and Nummulitic limestones described in the above section are clubbed together both on Lydekker's map of Kashmir

and Wynne's unfinished map of Hazara ; but whilst the former marks them as altogether Nummulitic, the latter marks them as Infra-Trias. Both have represented a partial truth, but not the whole truth. As regards Wynne, I can only conclude that he never ascended to the top of this ridge, probably for want of time, for the Nummulitics are every bit as characteristically developed there as anywhere in Hazara.

From Srikote to Laichi Khun the ridge is sparsely covered with forest of Deodar, Biar, and Paludar. A little beyond the peak of Srikote there is a flat little valley with a spring of water and a few cultivated fields and huts which were deserted at the time of my visit. Otherwise the ridge is uninhabited. A magnificent view is obtained of the head-waters of the Kishenganga river and of the snowy peaks capping the range which gradually ascends from Laichi Khun and bends round in a fine arc towards the north-east and east-north-east. It should be noticed that in continuing our section up to Laichi Khun across the Tertiaries we have really crossed over the boundary between the Slate zone and the younger zones. This was done advisedly so as to complete the description of a natural section.

The steep spur of Infra-Trias limestone, over which we began to ascend on the way up the Srikote ridge, is cut into  
 Old moraines, by deep little water-courses with steep shut-in sides towards the south-west in the direction of Gurhee-Hubeebooluh. A rather difficult and tedious pathway goes from the pass on the ridge towards Gool Maira in a north-west direction and follows the base of the Infra-Trias limestone, along what is a continuation of the fault between it and the band of Murree beds going to Tangar. The exposures here shew much crushed and powdered Infra-Trias limestone and whitish quartzite at the base of the Infra-Trias cliffs. Below this, all the descending spurs are composed of slate in their lower parts, and are covered up as to their upper parts by an irregular accumulation of blocks, chiefly of Infra-Trias limestone, although there are also some few of quartzite and Nummulitic limestone. These continue to the south-west spur of Srikote overlooking Gool Maira, and then spread out and cover the top of a minor spur east of the 5,908 feet spur. The sides



of the spur everywhere give exposures of the schistose slates, but the top capping is a coarse agglomeration, sometimes consolidated and sometimes loose, sometimes made up of Infra-Trias blocks, sometimes of Nummulitic limestone blocks, and sometimes of Murree sandstones also in blocks. Occasionally the three rocks in this fragmentary state are intermingled. The whole of this accumulation is manifestly a surface deposit, and I am fairly persuaded that it owes its origin to the action of glaciers, which in the last glacial epoch must have descended from Laichi Khun and Srikote or from some of the higher ridges up the Khagan valley. A similar deposit on the spur due east of Gurhee-Hubeebooluh, chiefly composed of Murree sandstone, appeared at first so homogeneous that I was inclined to regard it as an outlier of the latter. Afterwards sub-angular and rounded pieces of Infra-Trias and Nummulitic limestone convinced me that it was not *in situ*, but evidently of the nature of a rubbish heap of sub-angular boulders. This *débâcle* is very thin, not more than 30—50 feet thick. It nevertheless lies for the considerable distance of half a mile at different elevations along the spur, following the crest of it as it winds to lower levels. There is no continuation of the deposit along the spurs to the east.

Other than as a glacial moraine the only ways in which we could account for this deposit are—

- (1) As a bed *in situ*, but much broken up.
- (2) As scree-material.

The first of these seems to be untenable as a hypothesis, by the facts stated above that there is no general strike of the aggregated fragments. They continue neither along the crests of the spurs to the south-east or north-west, nor do they strike down into the streams between and on each side of the spurs, as they would if they were part of a faulted or in-folded mass.

The second at first sight seems not improbable as an explanation. It looks reasonable as a hypothesis that these rubbish heaps of angular material might be merely fallen *débris* from the hills above. This explanation had, however, to be discarded in favour of glacier transport on account of the more or less sorted way in which the beds occur:

heaps of one rock alternating with heaps of another, and only sometimes mixed; and secondly, because of the absence of slate fragments in the accumulation on the top of the spur east of Gurhee-Hubeebooluh, notwithstanding that the main ridge south of the pass directly above the deposit is entirely composed of slates; whereas, on the other hand, nothing is so well known as that glaciers creeping along under cliffs of particular rocks will be loaded here with one sort of débris and there with another, and that when they come to melt at lower altitudes they will leave a roughly sorted accumulation of particular rock-fragments far away from the solid bed from which they were derived. Lastly, these rubbish heaps, so high (3,000 feet) above the present drainage, and fixed on the tops of hill spurs are (with the exception of those immediately north-west of the pass) quite out of the present line of drainage, along the sides and bottom of which scree-material would tend to accumulate.

I must now invite attention to one of the most important deductions that may be drawn from the Gurhee-Hubeebooluh sections. In a previous memoir (Physical Geology of the Sub-Himalaya of Kumaun and Garhwal<sup>1</sup>) I remarked on the absence of metamorphism in the Upper Tertiaries and Nummulitics in the vicinity of the schistose and granite area of Kalogarhi (also called Kalandanda, and latterly Lansdowne) as offering a not very rigid proof that the Tertiaries at least were deposited later than the date of the general metamorphism of the Himalaya by the intrusion of the gneissose-granite.

We have here before us in this corner of the mountains a much more satisfactory proof, inasmuch as the Murree beds, the Nummulitic limestone, together with the sandstone beds at the base, lie all in direct and normal superposition immediately above thin-bedded rocks exhibiting distinct metamorphism. They form outliers capping the tops of the hills, whilst the schistose slates form the base of the same hill range.

And yet the soft sandstones, the purple shales and the nodular

<sup>1</sup> Mem. Géo. Sur. Ind., Vol. XXIV, pt. 2.

limestones differ in no possible way, not even in hardness or coherency, from their contemporaries along the southern border of Hazara.

*Sections near Nuwanshuhr, north of the Dore river, across Bunyan Hill and Gulee, up the Hertoh river, and in the neighbourhood of Tandiani.*

To the south-east of the last-described bands of rocks, which may be considered collectively as a sub-zone of

General remarks.

Trias and Infra-Trias among the Slate zone, there comes a large area of hilly country, characterised by the upper members of the stratigraphical sequence (Jura, Cretaceous, and Nummulitic), and which is as manifestly a strike continuation of the north-eastern portion of the Sirban massif, as the foregoing area is a strike continuation of the north-western portion of the same. Instead of the wide Abbottabad plain lying between the two areas, as in the latter case, there is only the constricted valley of the Jub, occupied by recent gravels and clays, through which the tiny but rapid stream of that name scours its way. The three great hill-spurs, given off from the Sirban mass between Kot Nawa, and Shakur Bandee, composed of the rugged Nummulitic limestone, have very palpably a structural continuation with the similar spurs on the north-eastern side of the Jub, which run in parallel directions away towards the north-east.

Viewed from the south-west these hill-spurs, and Bunyan hill rising behind them, present a very bare appearance. There is no forest, scarcely any scrub-jungle, and only very seldom are there sufficient soil-covered patches of ground on which a village can thrive. But behind Bunyan Hill the heights of Tandiani, averaging 8,000 feet, and the surrounding slopes are richly wooded with a temperate flora.

The section now to be described adjoins the one from Meerpoor to Mundroch *via* Kakool, described p. 121.

Section from Nuwanshuhr to Dhuntour.

The point at which we left off the description of the latter was at the line of great fault

between the Nummulitics and the Infra-Trias (see also horizontal section No. 2). That this fault is of considerable importance and one of the largest yet brought under our notice is evident from the way the Nummulitics come in contact with some of the lowest beds of the Infra-Trias. Nevertheless, along the same line of strike in the Sirban sections this fault was non-existent. It was replaced by an ordinary fold of the rocks, with a regular ascending series up to the Nummulitics in the valley going north-east to Shakur Banded,—see sketch section, p. 112. If we now wind our way along the foot of the hill-spurs from Nuwanshuhr to Dhumtour, we shall find for a very considerable way that we cross nothing but the outcropping edges of the Nummulitic formation. In themselves, these beds of nodular limestone, shale, and marl, often crowded with foraminifera and shells, are somewhat confusing. It is difficult to correctly estimate whether the section is a uniformly descending one in the direction of Dhumtour, as the general lie of the rocks would indicate, or whether there are one or more folds with inversions to reckon with. The section (horizontal section No. 2) of this part represents the results of several traverses in and out of the deep straight little gorges near Nuwanshuhr and across the stony slopes and hollows north-west of Gulee. It will be gathered from that section that at the little pass near Gulee, where the present road to Tandíani goes, there is a conspicuous change in the general appearance of the section, but it is not certain that this implies any great structural change. Between that point and the fault separating the Nummulitics from the Infra-Trias sub-zone near Mundroch, there are two bands of ochre or chrome coloured limestone containing belemnites in the same state of preservation as are those of the typical Cretaceous band. At the little pass itself there is another band indicated in the section, but cut off by a fault from the surface. It outcrops, however, a little further on in the direction of Tandíani near Kuthwal. The two former bands are too small to be coloured on the map. From the general nature of the section in the surrounding Nummulitic rocks, as well as from the non-appearance of Spiti shales associated with the Cretaceous, it seems

certain that these outcrops must represent very sharply reflexed anticlinal folds, with very possibly faulting along them. Beyond Gulee in a south-east direction horizontal section No. 2 continues along the line of Bunyan hill and Mohar village, but the sketch-section here given below is a view of the beds as seen along the line of country we are now traversing, namely, towards Dhumtour.

Line of Nuwanshuhr.

Dhumtour.



Fig. 11.

- g* = Nummulite-bearing, generally concretionary, limestone shales and marls.
- f* = Grey limestone.
- e* = Cretaceous.
- d* = Jurassic.
- c* = Trias.
- b* = Infra-Trias.
- a* = Slate series.

From it we may gather that the lie of the Nummulitic formation in this section is by no means a simple one, and that to regard it as a great descending series, whereby a thickness of about a mile would have to be assigned to it, would be a very grave mistake. There are at least two points in the section where very compressed synclinals—with or without faulting is doubtful—must be inserted, as the evidence for them is clearly given by the hill-sides. Any closer working out of the structural features of these exposures would have taken a long time, because the Nummulitic limestone, from its concretionary habit and its want of well-beddedness, tends to obscure itself with talus and surface-deflection.

Not till we approach Dhumtour do we get a decided normal sequence in the series, indicated unmistakeably by the appearance of the coal-bearing bed of Hewson's excavations on the high crest of the ridge, by a good thickness of Grey limestone beneath this, and then

by the Cretaceous and Jurassic formations beneath them ; the whole group being in normal order with a dip of  $40^{\circ}$  N.W. The last two series follow a gap in the ridge, and continue down the stream which divides the final spur of Trias limestone from the rest of the ridge. Finally, beneath the not very thick exposure of Trias in a bold scarped cliff, there appears the Slate series, outcropping at the foot of the cliff and along the edge of the fields in close proximity to the high-road. This normal exposure of the Infra-Nummulitic formations down to the Slates is obviously a direct continuation of the same formations near Shawali in the Sirban sections.

Dhumtour itself is a fairly large village, situated on a flat triangle of gravel and clay terraces, and with a steep descent of 200—300 feet down to the Dore river ; these recent accumulations being part of the same continuous valley deposits, which, following the bed of the Dore, ascend gradually by the little stream of the Jub to join up with those of the Abbottabad plain.

I have already referred to the section north-west of Gulee. To the south-west of that little pass the Nummulitic series of Bunyan hill shews the ordinary grey and ochre coloured shales with nodular limestone, all crowded with foraminifera of rather large size on its north-western slopes, and more massive beds of Nummulitic limestone with a few marked bands of shale on its south-eastern side as it descends in a fine convex slope to Mohar village. The apparent dip on each side of the hill is in towards the hill, but it is more than likely that this does not indicate a synclinal, but is an example of surface deflection on a large scale (see section fig. 13, corresponding to this in the N.N.W.—S.S.E. reach of the Hertoh river). Near Mohar a rough anticlinal, with several breaks or slips of the strata above it to the north-west, brings in several good exposures of the Cretaceous and Spiti shales, the latter being marked as usual by a copious spring of water and a pipal tree, as well as by a flattening out of the hill-spur. Below Mohar the section down to the lower reach of the Hertoh river is an ascending one over the south-eastern limb

Section through Bunyan hill from Gulee to the Hertoh river.

of the anticlinal in the Grey and Nummulitic limestones, with a prominent normal fault half-way between. The above anticlinal bringing in the Jura-Cretaceous is a direct continuation of the exposures 1 mile north of Dhumtour in these rocks, but the Trias fails to put in an appearance. On its crest the anticlinal carries a small synclinal.

Between the two places marginally noted the hill-sides to the north of the Dore river offer several very clear sections of the lower Nummulitic and Grey limestones in high scarped cliffs, with the coal-bearing band of Hewson's mine between them, and with the Cretaceous and Jurassic formations below (see sketch section, Rec. G. S. of I., Vol. XXIII, p. 269). All the exposures along this piece of country give evidence of a geological structure, perfectly simple and intelligible when viewed in its broader features; but the minor details, especially towards the base of the hill-slopes and along the (often gravel-hidden) road cuttings north of the Dore, are complicated by small folds, faults, and slipping of the rocks, with regard to which it is difficult to say how much was due to primary earth-movements, and how much may have been subsequently due to gentle yielding of the rocks since the Dore river flowed in its deeply-eroded channel. This question will be further discussed in the final chapter of this book.

The gorge of the Hertoh river descends and joins the greater gorge of the Dore river between high steep cliffs, which here and there shew terraces of recent gravel, hardly sticking to the much scored and precipitous hill-sides. Village communication along gorges of this kind varies with the season. During the drier months of the year the boulder-strewn river-bed forms the best and speediest footpath, but when the snow of the Tandíani ridge is melting, and during the rains which follow, the hill tracks must traverse along the sides of the ravine. They are steep, and, because of the crumbling relics of recent gravel, often afford a very precarious foot-hold; besides, having been neglected during the cold weather, they have generally slipped away in many places.

Those familiar with mountains will be able to form a correct idea of the gorge from this description, and it will also indicate some of the peculiar difficulties of travel in this rugged country. The accelerating influence of gravity down 200 feet of such slopes becomes a practical reality when one sees a mule-load (and perhaps the mule too) of one's kit spinning and bounding to the bottom. The village of Mohar occupies a gentle slope before the final steep descent on the right bank, and Sirbunnuh is perched on a jutting platform of gravel on the left bank with precipitous sides all round, and having a fort-like aspect. Up stream beyond Sirbunnuh, where the Hertoh river takes a direction N.—S. and then N.N.W.—S.S.E., the great convex slopes of the mountain-side steepen to hardly scaleable precipices at the bottom (all such details of contour and slope are lost in the hill-shading of the map, which here and elsewhere gives an imperfect and even wrong idea altogether), in which the great ribs of rock descending from Bunyan hill shew such a steepening of the angles of dip, so gradual but so sure, that one may well be bewildered by the miles of vertically-bedded limestone exposed to view. Here, and in many other gorges of this description to be subsequently described, I have found much food for reflection as to the internal, deep-seated structure of mountain cores; for, however low the angle of dip of the strata along the high ridges, even to as great a depth as 1,000 feet, and however bold the flexures so revealed across the steeply-carved mountain spurs, the impression one gets in the profounder gorges is as if all such dips continuously steepen, and all such flexures vanish by the increasing sharpness of their folding, until they become a vertically-packed set of strata, which seem as though they would continue so indefinitely without resolution.

The lower part of the Hertoh river traverses along the strike of the southern limb of the fold in the Nummulitics, represented by the much broken anticlinal at Mohar. As the river turns gradually to the north, it cuts across the strike more and more, and then two much torn and altered representatives of the Jurassic anticlinals appear, a view of a portion of the more western one being sketched overleaf, fig. 12.



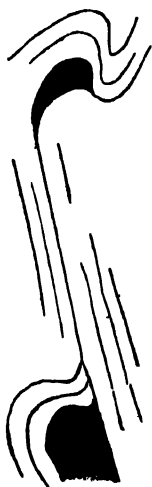


Fig. 12.

The shaded parts represent cores of Spiti shales in the form of completely crushed and churned-up masses of nearly homogeneous carbonaceous clay. From its black and coaly appearance it is one of those beds that might at first sight be mistaken for the coal-bed of Hewson's; but that such is not the case, is proved by the occurrence here and there of undigested fragments. Further away up-stream, about 250—300 feet above the band, the true variegated sandstone or coal-bearing bed appears in a very steep outcrop, from which respectable pieces of anthracitic coal, 100 feet above the river (the aid of a rope is necessary to climb to it), were excavated. The blocks were found, as elsewhere, to be full of bright, shining shear planes, cutting across one another minutely. A sketch section is given below, fig. 13, in which the river-bed and

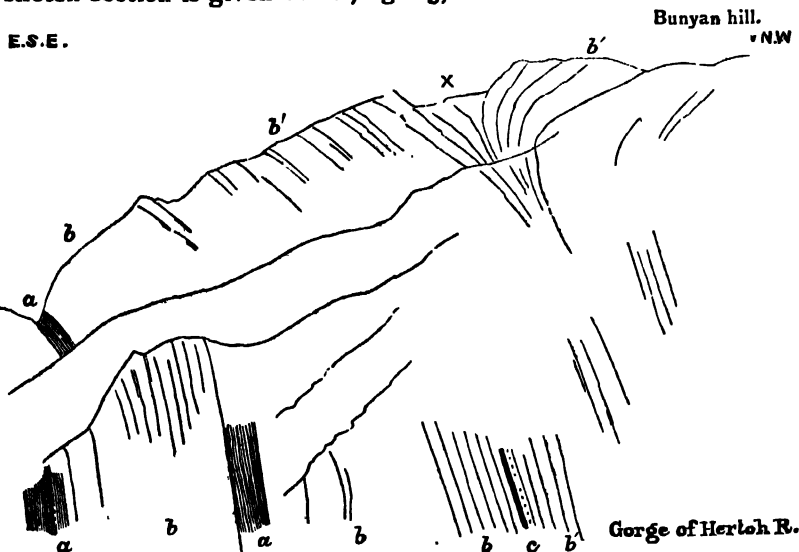


Fig. 13.

- b' = Nummulitic limestone.  
 c = Coal-bed and variegated sandstone.  
 b = Grey limestone.  
 a = Spiti shales and Cretaceous.

} Nummulitic series.

mountain-slope above are represented together. The variegated sandstone, with smudged and wavy lines of carbonaceous material, in addition to the bed of coal, is shewn dipping at  $80^{\circ}$  W.N.W. along with the neighbouring limestones. The section ascends towards the west-north-west.

On the east side of the second anticlinal there is also another exposure of the coal-bearing bed, not so good apparently as the one to the west. I could not examine it myself, but fragments of coal were brought to me from it. At the point X in the above section there are Nummulitic shales visible on the Bunyan ridge, but none lower down the slope. I conclude that the shales have furnished a line of weakness, along which the strata have yielded and slipped; similar movements having taken place along the line of the Jura-Cretaceous at *a a*. The two broken anticlinals indicated by *a a*, and exposed in the gorge, continue north-north-east up the hill-sides for a long way, their exposures being narrow strips only and following depression on the slopes or the run of a stream-bed. The south-eastern one dies out under Musta peak (8,435 feet), and the north-western one passes across the main ridge to the other side by a small gap and joins up with the prominent band exposed on the north-eastern scarps of the main ridge.

Continuing up the Hertoh river along its right bank by a somewhat precarious foot-path, which runs high above the final abyss, until we reach the point where the gorge turns to the north-east, we cross over a continuous section in the Nummulitic limestone, dipping as before steeply to the north-west or west-north-west until the strike of Gulee is reached, when the faulting and folding begin which introduce the Jura-Cretaceous band (previously referred to as passing by Bandee and Kuthwal. The Cretaceous and the brown sandstones beneath display here a fair proportion of fossils, but want of time prevented me from visiting the locality again for the purpose of collecting them.

Following the right bank of the north-east reach of the Hertoh along the road to Tandíani, but considerably above the bed

of the river which retains its gorge-like aspect, we may trace the Jura-Cretaceous band beyond Kuthwal, when it mounts the hill-side to Kholia and then spreads out, bifurcates, and uncovers a great and fine anticlinal arch of Trias limestone. The western bifurcation takes a straight line by the village of Ghanian and through the "k" of Ranikot, continuing in the same direction for about a mile, after which it was not traced. The gorge of the Hertoh beneath this band runs along the axis of the Trias anticlinal, which continues from near Kalapani staging bungalow up to Keithur, when it in turn bifurcates and uncovers the underlying slates which pursue a course up the north-east branch of the Hertoh river to the great gap between the Tandíáni ridge and the ridge going towards Sichar peak, 8,645 ft. The two bifurcations of the Trias continue, respectively, one along the ridge towards Sichar and the other under the north-west crest of the Tandíáni ridge. I was unable to visit Tandíáni myself, and entrusted the working out of the section which follows to Babu Hira Lal.

Babu Hira Lal reported that, as regards the Trias limestone, the band going by Keithur after ascending the Tandíáni sections. Keithur spur passes south of the gap between the Tandíáni and Sichar ridges. It then continues round the north end of the Tandíáni ridge and out along its north-eastern spur for a mile or so beyond the station. Its outcrop then returns along the eastern face of the Tandíáni hill, keeping to a uniform position above the slates all the way round from the north of Tandíáni to the hill above Undree Seree, from which point it spreads out a little more down the north-eastern slopes of Musta peak in the direction of Puniali and Nunhiali, after which the outcrop bends round again to the south-east, and cuts the southern spur from Musta east of Jhafur and so down to the neighbourhood of Sirbunnuh.

It will thus be seen that the station of Tandíáni and its commanding summit is due to the presence of Trias limestone capping the great ridge in a general way. But the surface of the station is relieved to a considerable extent, and moulded into softer outlines than would otherwise ensue by the presence of the Spiti shales,

retained in the folds of the Trias limestone, a wide band of them extending from the band near Kalapani staging bungalow. But whilst the eastern side of the ridge is a great scarped wall of Trias limestone, the north-western and western slopes are dip-slopes in a general way, the section from the 8,848 ft. peak in a north-westerly direction down to the great gap being as below, fig. 14.

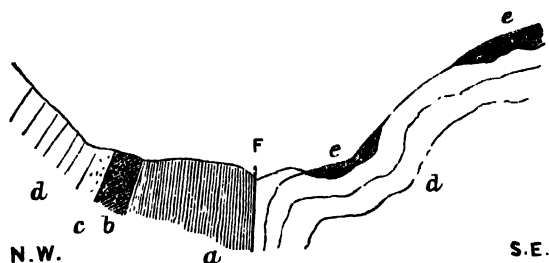


Fig. 14.  
*e* = Spiti Shales.  
*d* = Trias Limestone.  
*c* = White Quartzite.  
*b* = Purple do. } ? base of  
*a* = Slate Series. } Trias.

In it the Trias dip-slope, modified by minor folds, and with the Spiti shales occupying hollows, meets the slates in the great gap, and is divided from them by a fault approximately vertical. A similar section from the more

southern part of the Tandiani ridge to a point a little north of the Kalapani bungalow is next given below, fig. 15 :—

Hertoh R.

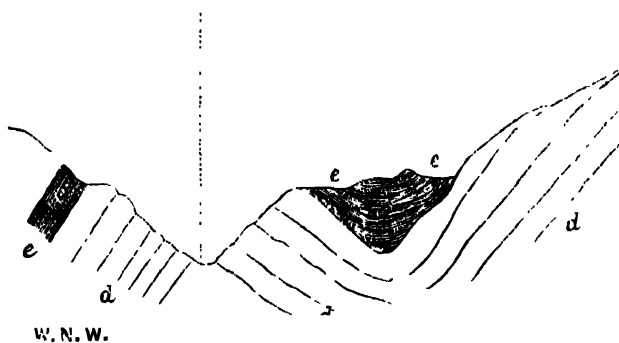


Fig. 15.  
*e* = Spiti Shales.  
*d* = Trias Limestone.

In this section the slates are not visible, but a dip-slope in the

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Trias of the right-hand portion of the section is modified by a sharp synclinal enfolding the Jurassics near the staging-bungalow, and this is followed by the anticlinal of the Hertoh river.

Tandiáni, like all the hill stations along the great watershed in this part of Hazara, is an assemblage of temporary wooden houses erected for use in the summer months only, and is completely deserted during the winter when these high crests are draped in a mantle of snow, relieved only by the tall straight stems of the Paludar and Biar. The houses are dotted about on the undulating surface afforded by the Spiti shales, but the latter are cut down here and there by streams to the upper surface of the Trias limestone. Such exposures display the basal bed of the Spiti shales as a good strong ferruginous layer, 1-6 ft. thick, the thicker portions lying in the hollows of the Trias limestone.

Sections along the scarped edge of the Trias on the east side of the station show the limestone underlaid by the bed of quartzite, which I have before explained is its normal base when it directly overlies the Slate series without the intervention of the Infra-Trias.

The gap north-west of the Tandiáni ridge (see fig. 14) exposes on its northern side the Trias of the Sichar ridge similarly underlaid, but by both white and purple quartzite as much as 50 ft. thick. In none of the sections round about Tandiáni is there any trace of Infra-Trias limestone or of the basal conglomerate. The presence of the purple quartzite, just referred to, is a little puzzling. It may either belong to the base of the Trias (as seems the more probable) or to the Infra-Trias. In the latter case there must be an unrecognised break between it and the white quartzite, which is usually found at the base of the Trias when no Infra-Trias is present.

Along the line of the word Undree Seree on the map the great mass of the Trias limestone, descending in great forest-covered dip-planes from the south end of the Tandiáni ridge, receives above it the Jura-Cretaceous and then the Nummulitics. The outcrops of the former extend from the exposures near Kalapani due east to a marked gap in the main ridge, and they then pass round to the

eastern side of the ridge allowing the Nummulitics now to constitute the crest of the main ridge the rest of the way to Musta. For some distance south of the "S" of Seree the Jura-Cretaceous band follows a hollow between the main ridge and a little spur formed of Trias on the "r" of Seree, whilst beyond, the eastern slopes of Musta, though deeply wooded, embrace a normal section from the Slate series through the Trias, Jurassic, and Cretaceous, up to the Nummulitic. About one mile north of Musta the Cretaceous band, in the form of a sharp anticlinal (already referred to in the neighbourhood of Hariala in the Hertoh river), passes by a deep gap to join up with the band on the eastern side of the main ridge.

Along the Sichar spur the base of the Trias was followed as far as the "T" of Telkandi; but beyond this no exploration was made by Hira Lal; so that the hill-spurs in that direction, which are rugged and precipitous, have eluded our survey on the two occasions when our party were in the neighbourhood. (See p. 126.)

The sections noted in the margin were approached from the Koonhar river as a base of operations. The head-streams of the Booe N. drain down from Phoot hill (6,654 ft.). Edwards explored the junction between the Infra-Trias and the slates. He found purple limestone and sandstone and shale belonging to the former, but the basal conglomerate was not visible. Their dip was 70° W.N.W. Some pale blue-grey slates in the Slate series were pyritous, the small cubical crystals of iron-pyrites being  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch across. Along the Booe N. and on the hill-spurs round about the uniform slate hills present a very bare appearance, except for the low jungle of *Sunhetta* and *Justitia adhatoda*. The general strike of the cleavage of the slates is N.E. or N.N.E. and the dip N.W. or W.N.W., and the cleavage generally coincides with the bedding, but not always. It may even occur at right angles to it. The Koonhar river where the Booe N. joins it, and up-stream towards Gurhee-Hubeebooluh is a deeply cut gorge of a distinct V-shape, as opposed to the U-shaped valley at Gurhee-Hubeebooluh. Recent river-gravels may be seen at various heights on the sides of the Koonhar valley,

Sections in the Slate series N.E. of Tandiani along the Booe, Luree, and Silole streams.

but their higher occurrences are in local patches, and not in a well-defined terrace or bed. Up the Booeë N. well-worn river-boulders extend up the hill-side to just beneath the village of Pul, which I estimate is about 1,500 ft. above the present bed of the Koonhar. A well-defined terrace, however, occurs along the Koonhar valley above Booeë, averaging 200 ft. above water-level, and this evidently corresponds to the similar gravels at the Rutwala junction, and near Gurhee-Hubeebooluh. On hill-sides as steep as  $40^{\circ}$  the slates are in a rapid state of disintegration and decay. Land-slips and scree-surfaces abound. In consequence the gently sloping ridge-crests are the only places where cultivation is attempted and all the villages are situated in such places.

The Luree stream drains down from Tandiani, and is a counterpart of the Booeë stream. Its journey down its little steep-sided ravine is a monotonous progress through the slates, with only the intervention of a few thin limestone bands a few feet thick near its junction with the Silole N. The hill-spurs descending towards the Luree stream from Tandiani are just like those near Booeë. Somewhat broad along their crests, these spurs are visibly contoured by innumerable fields with their banks and retaining walls, and with minute hamlets dotted along their course. The general colour of the slates is grey, and with a bright sheen upon their surfaces. Towards the Silole N. they become slightly more arenaceous. Cleavage dip as before  $60^{\circ}$  N.W.; in many cases it is distinctly across the bedding, but generally it is in the same direction.

The Silole N. is an extremely deep-cut gorge in its lower part, impossible to cross with pack animals (*i.e.*, mules) any great distance below Beerun Gulee, near which it takes its rise.

On the whole there is scarcely anything of interest to chronicle in this part of the Slate zone. Communication between village and village must be made entirely on foot, save for the apology of a bridle-road along the Koonhar valley. The river-beds in dry weather are the most direct and level routes to follow. Baggage animals can be taken along certain lines of country, but the difficulties are very great on account of the disintegrating character

of the steep slopes. It behoves the traveller, therefore, to arrange his own roads, and even turn engineer on occasions.

*Sections south-east of Huveliyān and Rujoeuh.*

We must now turn back along the strike of the Slate zone to that portion of it lying to the south-east of Huveliyān and Rujoeuh on the Dore river, from which, as a starting-point, I shall now describe a set of strike areas forming the south-eastern portion of the Slate zone.

About  $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles due south of Huveliyān appears the thin end of a wedge of Trias limestone, let in among the slates by a fault on its north-western side. It is a mere strip,  $\frac{1}{8}$  mile wide, and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile long. In the direction of its strike towards the north-east this band is interrupted by a mile of alluvium, after which another exposure of the same band appears as a short low ridge,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile long, followed almost immediately by a much longer outcrop of the same band, which also widens slightly, in the direction of Kotluh. In addition to the Trias limestone exposed in the last outcrop, a representative of the Jura-Cretaceous band, and a trace of the Grey limestone, strike diagonally across the run of the faulted mass. A view and section of this band is given below, fig. 16 :—

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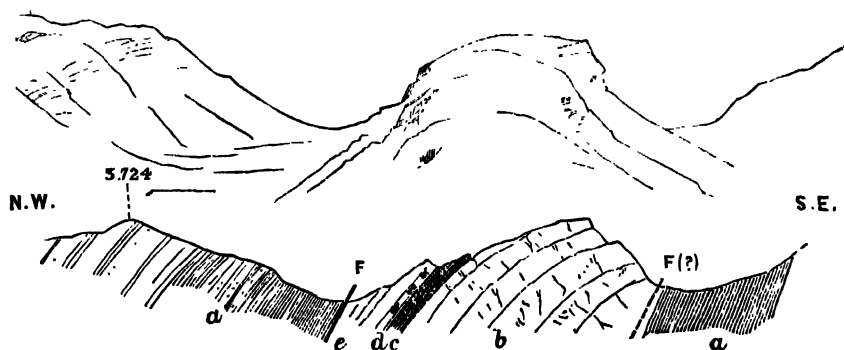


Fig. 16.

*e* = Grey Limestone.  
*d* = Cretaceous.  
*c* = Spiti Shales.

*b* = Trias Limestone.  
*a* = Slate Series.



On Wynne's unfinished map of this part of the country he marks the limestone band as one belonging to the Slate series. The presence of the Jura-Cretaceous and Nummulitics in regular order superposing the main rib of limestone, not to mention the petrological character of the limestone, are sufficient to shew that the truth is as indicated above. At the same time it must be remarked that Wynne recognised the secondary age of some of this limestone as is shewn by his remarks (Rec. G. S. of I., Vol. XII, p. 121) where he describes having found much-crushed ammonites among it (see *ante*, p. 18, and Manual of the Geology of India, 2nd Edn., p. 116). The fault on the north-west side of the wedge of younger rocks is self-evident, but that to the south-east may only be locally present. At Sariwari it must be absent as Hira Lal reported the presence of the white quartzite which is the base of the Trias in this line of strike.

Along the same line in a north-easterly direction there is another small mound of Trias limestone surrounded by alluvium, and then a wide stretch of alluvium with two deeply cut-down streams named the Godawala N. and Huriala N., respectively, after which two prominent hills near Oochar expose Trias limestone and the Jura-Cretaceous band in a wider outcrop than hitherto. The position and lie of these are indicated sufficiently well in the view south-west along the Slate zone (Pl. 9).

Leaving this strike fold of younger rocks among the slates, although we can at once see from the map that the Seree and Juswal ridges carry on the same structure in a north-easterly direction, we must now go south towards the southern boundary of the Slate zone, and by the Deewal pass ascend the rocky height of Mohar, 5,815 feet, which is a mass of Trias limestone presenting a rough and broken face to the north-west. To the south-east it reveals a well-exposed scarp with the slates below it. Mr. Edwards found the base of the Trias here to be (1) yellow, purple and variegated calcareous shaley layers with a bed of purple grit in the middle of them one foot thick, and (2) quartzites, some of a light purple-grey and others white with minute strings of red, of a saccharoid texture, and

Section near Mohar,  
5,815 feet, Deewal  
village, and north of  
Naruh police station.

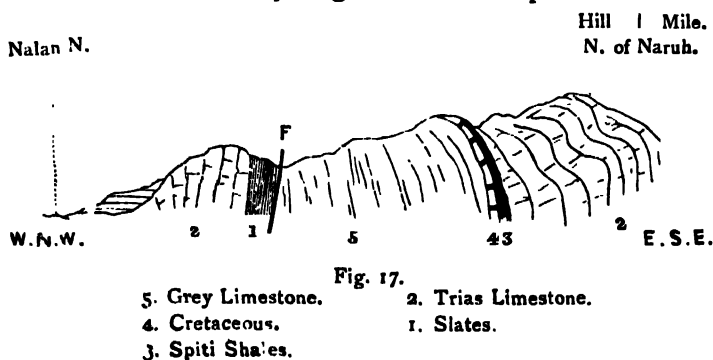
weathering dirty orange-yellow. Although there is no trace of a conglomerate which might be referred to the Infra-Trias basal conglomerate, it seems possible that the yellow, purple and variegated shales may represent a portion of the Infra-Trias sequence. After about 500 feet of Trias limestone as he ascended the hill Mr. Edwards found Spiti shales and Gieumal sandstone appearing at a little flat place on the ridge about the position of the last "h" of Chumnukkuh, thence striking west-by-south along the north face of the hill in a kind of trough to the north-western spur of Mohar on the "m" of Chumnukkuh. The dip is  $60^{\circ}$  north-west, and there must then be a refolding back of the Trias beds between that line and the base of the Trias on the "h" of Mohar.

The mass of Trias forming this hill divides into two branches about the position of the "D" of Deewal, one branch in a more or less disjointed way going E.N.E. from Kiyaluh village, and one following the Deewal ridge to a little north of the pass, and then continuing as a constricted band towards Kalabagh. At the point, to the north of the pass, where the road to Mari mounts the ridge, the sandstone forming the base of the Trias is a very pronounced arkose, almost indistinguishable from a granite in the hand-specimen. The same was found about the "D" of Deewal by Edwards.

The hill north of Naruh police station, unnamed on the map, presents very similar features to the hill just described, with the exception that the Jura-Cretaceous fold includes also a fairly large slice of Grey limestone coming above it. Taking the section across this hill in detail, beginning from the Naruh police station, we find first of all next to the great fault which divides the Slate zone from the Nummulitic zone a thin band of slates striking N.E. by E. They are all of a greenish grey colour with bronze-coloured joint surfaces and much splinted. Hira Lal found that the base of the Trias resting upon the slates along this line of strike was the same as near Deewal, and it indicates, therefore, a normal overlie between the unconformable Trias and the slates.

Ascending from this line of junction towards the hill-top in a

northerly direction, the section is entirely in the Trias limestone, shewing bare scarped edges to the climber, which strike along the general direction of the ridge towards the "M" of Mohree Buddhain. At the top of the hill the beds flatten out with a few minor folds. A little way below the summit, along the spur going W. by N., traces of Gieumal sandstone and Grey limestone appear, but the rest of the section can be better followed in the stream-bed which goes from the gap north of Naruh police station towards Dhunuk. Along that line the Spiti shales are feebly exposed, lying in a slightly inverted position against the Trias, which is here full of indistinct remains of shells. The Spiti shales are followed by Gieumal sandstone, then by the Cretaceous band, and then by Grey limestone. The Grey limestone continues in force down to the point due north of the first "h" of Kurchh in the stream-bed. There must then intervene a fault, for the next rock is a thin strip of slates followed by Trias limestone once more. Whilst the outcrop of the latter passes round to the north-east to join up with the Trias of Mohar hill, the thin band of slates passes by a series of gaps on the hill-spurs to join up with the slates of Deewal. Throughout this traverse the strike has gradually been turning round from E.N.E. to N.N.E. Trias limestone, so far as exposures allow one to judge, continues to the Nalan river; but the recent gravels of that stream conceal its relation to the slates beyond. The following rough sketch section through the top of the hill, north of Naruh in a W.N.W. direction, will generally indicate the structure of this small outlier of the younger formations upon the slates:—



*Sections near Juswal, Tope hill, 6,545 ft. Bagh and Juggiyan.*

If a line be drawn from the Dore river near Kihal to Deewal it will be seen that to the west and south-west of that line nothing but low hills in the slates, with scattered and broken outcrops of the younger formations, are present, whilst in the opposite direction the hills increase in height and steepness, their separate spurs coalesce, and the outliers of the younger formations continue in a more connected way commanding the crests of many of the N.E.—S.W. ridges. The thin broken fold of these rocks near Kotluh, described in the last paragraph, we have already seen to shew signs of spreading out and dividing near Oochar, and we now see that in the neighbourhood of Juswal one band goes off along the Serec ridge to Jhan and Tope hill, 6,545 feet, thence spreading in a south-easterly direction towards Bagh and beyond, whilst another passes by the little hill south of Kihal along the low ridge through the “s” of Juswal, after which spreading out still more at Sudruth it occupies the W.S.W. buttresses of Tope hill and joins up once more with the other band (see view looking north-north-east from above Juswal village, Pl. 7). South of the line of strike above indicated there starts at the village of Garhee a previously unrepresented faulted mass of the younger formations embracing the usual sequence from Trias to Nummulitic. This continues up to and beyond Juggiyan; whilst to the south of this again, the outliers of Mohar and the hill to the south-west of it are only represented in a north-east direction by narrow bands of Trias limestone.

Juswal village lies in the Dore valley over against the towering  
 crags of Sirban. It is situated directly in the  
 Sections near Juswal. line of horizontal section No. 1, by the aid of  
 which I shall now attempt to describe the geology of the locality. To  
 start with we must first cross the Dore river and mount to the little  
 hill between Juswal and the main mass of Sirban, which has hitherto  
 been neglected. The deep bed of the Dore with its high gravel cliffs,  
 together with the little hill just referred to, are present in the sketch

of the gravels of the Dore (Pl. 11) as seen from a low elevation, whilst the same, as a more distant view and from a much higher elevation, are seen in the view west along the Slate zone (Pl. 9). This little hill, a sort of outwork from the Sirban mass, and its twin continuation a mile further north-east, suffered rather summary treatment in the map with Waagen and Wynne's Memoir, being coloured entirely as slates. Horizontal section No. 1 shews it to be really a slightly broken synclinal in the Trias, carrying in its trough a regular sequence through the Spiti shales and Cretaceous up to the Grey limestone. The fold is almost symmetrical, but there has been a slight tearing along the south-eastern exposure of the friable Spiti shales. It must be understood here and elsewhere that the small scale of the map has necessitated the drawing of the bands of rock here all of equal breadth, a mechanical difficulty unavoidable. The horizontal section alone gives the proper proportions of the strata. The normal N.E. - S.W. strike prevails. The continuation hill to the north-east only exposes the north-west half of the synclinal, which is also inverted, and, with a return bend towards the north-west, presents the appearance of a folded flexure, though it is most likely that the appearance of inversion, along the south-east face of the hill where it overlooks the Dore river (the exposures are much obscured by river-gravels), is one due to secondary slipping of the hill-side, and not to the original impress of the folding of the strata.

North and north-east of the "J" of Juswal there are two little hill-spurs projecting from the long Trias-capped ridge, which travels S.S.W. from the "s" of Juswal. These little spurs embrace a Jura-Cretaceous and Nummulitic sequence in several very small folds impossible to render on the map, but which are shewn in the horizontal section, which is made to go a trifle out of its course to include one of them. These small folds may be understood as a corrugation or packing-up of the strata along the plane of weakness between the Spiti shales and the massive Trias limestone beneath. The Trias-capped ridge to the south-south-west has its base formed of slates,

the cap of limestone dipping slightly east-south-east ; but the junction between the two rocks, especially on the west side, is not well exposed. It is even possible that there may be a small remnant of the Infra-Trias left between the two. There are certainly blocks of it in the mixed talus and gravel at the foot of the hill. South of this spur, and forming a little isolated hill between Kihal and the Shakra N., the Trias, as it reposes on the slates in a similar way to that of the ridge just mentioned, exhibits its base in a scarp on the north-west side of the little hill. The lowest layers of the limestone are fossiliferous, and between it and the slates comes a band of white coarse quartzite, variegated with red layers. The south-eastern face of the hill is a dip slope.

Leaving Juswal and taking a course south-east up the high ridge in that direction we pass across a very perfect section from the slates to the Nummulitic limestone. The ridge is sharp and steep on both sides, giving almost an equilateral triangle in section. The various formations lie in courses one above the other and pass completely through the ridge. Without regard to minor foldings, the general run of the crest of the ridge is along the axis of a shallow synclinal (see horizontal section No. 1). After passing over the Slate series, the foliation dip being generally south-east or east-south-east, we meet with the Trias in bold crags running as a rampart all along the hill-side, but breached in a few places where streams of disintegrated Spiti shales have slid down the mountain face. The thickness of the outcrop of the Trias limestone exposed along this line is very variable. This may partly be due to the eroded surface above on which the Jurassics lie, but I am inclined to think that the chief reason is to be found in the line of weakness between the thick-bedded massive Trias limestone and the thin-bedded slates at their base, which has allowed the latter to be squeezed out from underneath them in places along several small fault-lines. It is very evident that if a course be taken up the ridge due south-east by south from the "w" of Juswal we pass over a comparatively insignificant cliff of this limestone, not more than 250 feet,

whereas further away to the south along the run of the ridge the crags stand up in very lofty precipices over 500 feet in height. This band of Trias runs from the south-west end of the ridge near Guhoruh, where it is in strike continuation with one of the little hills near Oochar, all the way along the north-west face of the ridge towards the head of the glen above Gool and west of Jhan, when it sweeps round towards the Sudruh buttress of the Tope hill. Besides the few slips of Spiti shales down the slopes, which here and there break the continuity of the outcrop, there is one rather large slip of Nummulitic limestone, at a position due west of Jhan, and represented on plate 7 looking north-north-east from above Juswal. This slip completely conceals the outcrop of the Trias, and by its gentle slope forms a natural and easy track up to the villages in that direction. This detail could not be recorded on the one-inch map. Above the Trias the Spiti shales, all along this side of the ridge, shew a beautifully characteristic development. The Trias surface on which they lie is an irregularly flat platform which follows round the top of the Trias crag. Here can be studied at leisure, as well as near Tanakki or at Tandiani, the unconformable overlies of the Jurassics with the boring mollusca imbedded in the hard floor. As below near Juswal, there are slight minor corrugations of the Infra-Nummulitic rocks above the Trias and along the line of weakness furnished by the Spiti shales. One such is shewn, plate 7, in the view north-north-east from above Juswal, and others occur near Jhan. They were all too small to be represented on the map. The normal sequence through Gieumal sandstone, Cretaceous, Grey, and Nummulitic limestones now follows as the hill-side steepens to the top of the ridge. At about 2,000 feet above the Dore river, between the Grey and Nummulitic limestones, there is an exposure of the variegated sandstone and carbonaceous band which, on excavation, yielded a seam, 17 feet thick, of coal and carbonaceous shale in varying proportions (for details see Appendix

, page 288). Presently the top of the ridge is gained and over the other side we look down a still steeper declivity, a small notch in the slope some way down proving to be the Spiti shales

with the platform of Trias underneath. The coal-band was not found on this side.

From the top of the ridge a splendid view is obtained down the Slate zone of the Dore valley, and with the south face of Sirban standing out clear before us in all its details. I have attempted to represent this in pl. 9. The whole breadth of the Slate zone is comprised in that view, the pink colour to the right indicating the Crystalline and metamorphic zone, and the burnt sienna tint to the left representing the Nummulitic zone. Besides Sirban hill, which is the chief object in the view, Mohar, 5,815 feet, appears near the extreme left, and below it in the nearer middle distance the tail end of the ridge on which we are standing, and to the right of it the Oochar group of little hills, with the Kotluh continuation a little beyond in the further middle distance. The central parts of the view are occupied by the gravel terraces and alluvium of the Dore valley, with the river-bed winding its sinuous course away into the distance by Hureepoor. The Abbottabad plain is partly visible to the right. No one but a geologist, who has plodded over every foot of the country and knows it by heart, can appreciate a panorama such as this in the wonderfully transparent air of the Punjab, where each twist and turn of the formations can be picked out and recognised by some slight difference, which the uninitiated would fail to see.

We can easily make our way the whole length of the ridge before us stretching away to the Tope hill. At Jhan  
The same ridge near Jhan. (there are two villages of this name not far apart) the section across the ridge is practically the same as it is across the ridge south-east of Juswal. There are as much as 200 feet of Jura-Cretaceous lying on a marked platform of Trias on the western side of the ridge and gently dipping in towards the hill. They are followed by Grey limestone, but the fluctuating dip in this soon brings the Spiti shales, etc., into view again. Just above the eastern Jhan the exposure is but a small one and none of the underlying formations are seen, for the dip once more plunges



into the ridge, and the Spiti shales disappear beneath the Grey limestone. I may here mention an outcrop of the coal-bearing sandstone lying above the Grey limestone at a point on the ridge about  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile south of the eastern Jhan, and it is covered by Nummulitic-bearing limestone and shales in the neighbourhood of Seree on the ridge. The Nummulitic limestone here is often thin-bedded, but it is not of the marked concretionary habit prevailing further to the south. The angles of dip are steep,  $40^{\circ}$ — $60^{\circ}$ . The whole of the ridge is bare of trees, except for a few wild olives at ziarats, and scrub jungle of *Adhatoda* and Ber (*Zisypus*).

At Jhan the second band of the Jurassics, which makes its appearance by overfolding, takes a north-easterly direction and gradually becomes accompanied on its south-eastern side by a portion of the Trias limestone brought up by a fault which strikes north-east from Jhan. This narrow strip of Trias, with the overlying Jura-Cretaceous, occupies a position under the southern crags of the final ridge of the Tope hill, the dip being in towards the hill at  $35^{\circ}$ . It presents the same characteristics as the more distinctly visible outcrops on the western face of the ridge.

The ridge from Jhan ascends gradually to the Tope hill. From its culminating summit, 6,645 feet, which is composed of the upper Nummulitic limestone, there are given off three main side-spurs or buttresses, besides the ridge along which we have approached the mountain. One of these goes west and south-west to Sudruh, another goes north by Khun to Seergah and Deesal, spreading out as it does so; while between this buttress and the last a steeply cut-back ravine is present. Lastly, another spur is given off east in the direction of Bugnotur. Between it and the Deesal spur precipitous cliffs and ravines exhibit some fine folding of the strata when viewed from the Abbottabad-Bugnotur road. The thin faulted exposure of Trias and Jura-Cretaceous outcropping north-east from Jhan cuts the eastern spur some way below the summit of the hill at the second "6" of 6,645 on the map, but the Trias is lost at this point, and there is only a trace of

the Jura-Cretaceous. The same outcrop continues down the ravine to the north for some way, the dip of the beds flattening out. The outcrop follows round the hill to Khun, whence it returns by the Deesal spur and the north-western cliffs of the mountains to cut the Sudruh spur in a bold tooth of rock, and joins up with the outcrops on the western side of the Jhan ridge.

During the first part of my time in Hazara a great number of traverses were made on and about the Khun-Deesal spur. A summarised section up this ridge from the Dore river to the 6,645 summit is as follows. As shewn in the sketch-section accompanying my preliminary note on the coal-seam of the Dore river (Rec. G. S. of I., Vol. XXIII, pt. 4, 1890, p. 267), the lowest part of the spur is an inverted series through the Nummulitics, coal-bed, Grey limestone, Cretaceous, and Gieumal sandstone, to the Spiti shales. At this point, which is a little below Deesal village, the four last rock-stages are seen in a perfectly exposed section, which has so far embraced the middle inverted limb of a reflexed fold. Ascending to Deesal from this, we cross the edges of the beds in opposite order, *viz.*, Spiti shales, Gieumal sandstone, Cretaceous, and Grey limestone; the series dipping down the slope and forming the upper limb of the reflexed fold. At the same time it constitutes the lower limb of another reflexed fold; for a little further up the hill, between Deesal and Khun, a fine section in the Grey limestone shows the latter bent back upon itself, and another little ridge and gap shews once again an inverted series from Cretaceous to Spiti shales, and with Trias limestone in a not very thick exposure forming the basis of the ridge on which Khun is placed. This outcrop of Trias is continuous in a south-westerly direction with the Trias cliff on the western side of the Jhan ridge. Returning to Khun, we find the Trias limestone bent back very sharply upon itself dipping normally towards the Tope hill, under which it passes to reappear, as already stated, in the outcrop north-east of Jhan. The

section above this through the same Jura-Cretaceous and Nummulitic sequence is in normal order to the top of the hill.

Of the bands, which we have traversed over in this ascent, the first outcrops of the Nummulitics, coal, and Grey limestone continue south-west to the Sudruh spur, crossing the intervening ravine, whilst in a north-easterly direction they cross the Dore river obliquely and join up with the outcrop of the same formations south of Mohar (see section through Bunyan hill from Gulee to the Hertoh river). The inverted Jura-Cretaceous, next in order, forms an ellipse of outcrop about 2 miles long, completely encircling the broad Deesal end of this spur of the mountain and coinciding on its south-eastern side with the next inverted outcrop of the same series below Khun ; so that Deesal village is situated on a small elliptical outlier of the Grey limestone. At each of its ends the ellipse of the Jura-Cretaceous rocks continues as a single band of outcrop travelling N.E.—S W. ; that to the north-east crossing the Dore river in a nearly vertical outcrop and joining up with the Sirbunnuh band, and that to the south-west going by Seerguh to the Sudruh spur ; that is to say, in these two directions the inverted middle limb only of the flexure has been preserved from denudation. The bands above this on this spur have already had their strike relations indicated.

The Sudruh spur given off from Tope hill is of the form of a crook handle, with the inside of the bend directed southwards. Its north-western slopes opposite Dhuntour descend steeply to the Dore river, especially in their lower parts (the whole of Tope hill on every side is steeply cut away near its base). Just opposite Dhuntour a very black band of rock is seen in the river-cliff. This may be easily mistaken for a continuation of the coal-band of the Public Works Department mine. It is in reality an outcrop of the Spiti shales, of jet-black colour, which, with the underlying Trias and the overlying Cretaceous, proceeds south-south-west along the north-western edge of the hill to the neighbourhood of Juswal, when the Jura-Cretaceous bands curl round to form the end of the handle

Section up the Sudruh spur.

of the crook and return *viâ* Sudruh to Seergah. Thus the lower portion of the Sudruh spur is a synclinal fold in the Grey limestone and the subjacent Jura-Cretaceous, its south-eastern limb being inverted. The coal-bed along this spur was not traced by me. Above Sudruh towards Tope hill, after the Jura-Cretaceous band is crossed, we meet with a wide outcrop of Trias up to the point on the spur near the final ridge where the tooth-like rock of Trias is overlaid by the last normal fold of the Jura-Cretaceous and Nummulitic rocks. The structure of this spur is well seen in the view north-north-east from above Juswal. It is distinguished from the Deesal spur by not having any representative of the Deesal outlier of Grey limestone, for the reason that the upper limb of the sigmaflexure or overfold has passed above what is now the highest point of the spur.

I have already alluded to the fault running north-east from Jhan which cuts the eastern spur of the mountain on the second "6" of 6645. This fault, which dies out below Jhan and is of small amount on the spur, becomes more important as it travels north-east down the steep crags between Deesal and the eastern spur into the gorge of the Dore river ; for, north-west of the fault the sequence from Khun down to the river embraces every formation to the slates, whilst south-east of the fault the slates are excluded from the section and Trias limestone occupies the bed of the river. The gently descending part of the eastern spur below the fault is in the Nummulitic and Grey limestones, with a coal exposure a few hundred feet above Bandee, but the slopes steepen to the Dore in the direction of Bugnotur, and become convex. A dark line of fields, with sometimes the usual gap and ridge, especially marked at the northern extremity of the spur, indicates the Spiti shales and the underlying platform of Trias. The unconformable junction of the Spiti shales on the Trias, and the overstepping of the former across the edges of the latter are well seen here. The base of the Spiti shales consisting of a layer of martite wraps over the Trias like a stair-carpet. This line of Spiti shales may easily be found, and if from its position the eye is

Section down the eastern spur of Tope.

directed across the Dore to a corresponding level on the Uzeezmung hill, a similar line of crag and gap may there be detected unfailingly indicating the same line of outcrop. A small cross-fault east of the "n" of Khun prevents the Jura-Cretaceous band continuing round to join up with the Khun band, and also drops the Nummulitics in that direction, so that they abut first against the Trias underneath Khun and then against the slates below that. In the opposite direction towards Bandee the Jura-Cretaceous band winds a sinuous course at a low level, until it ultimately joins up with the eastern band of the same rocks along the Seree ridge. Near Bandee a little complication occurs, the outcrop of Jura-Cretaceous gives off a process from the "n" of Jhan towards the "B" of Bandee, a sort of secondary fold of these rocks, and with two little hills of Grey limestone as outliers among it. The Trias, which follows in order below the Jura-Cretaceous on the eastern spur, has only a short thickness visible, and it is then cut off by a fault letting down the Nummulitic limestone.

We have now completed a brief stratigraphical sketch of the Tope hill. In its isolated and commanding position it is almost a counterpart of the Sirban hill. The narrow ravines on its northern, eastern, and south-eastern sides, together with the little pass at Bagh which links it with the great northern spur of Taumi, do not, however, throw it into such bold relief as the wide valley of the Dore near Huveliyān and Rujoeeuh and the broad Abbottabad plain do the Sirban mass. In horizontal section No. 1 (Pl. 3) the structure of the Tope hill appears above and behind that of the main section, which at this point passes considerably to the south-west of that hill. By means of it the descriptions given above will be readily understood.

The stream which runs south-west from Bagh, and which lower down becomes the Shakra N., flows over the  
 Section near Bagh.      Slate series between high gravel terraces. At Bagh, however, which is placed on the little pass before mentioned, the slates become arched over by the Trias limestone, basal sections

of which may be seen with the beds dipping away from the pass on both sides. On the south-east this section is as follows:—

Ordinary Trias limestone.

Yellow thin bedded marls . . . 6 feet.

Light red limestone . . . 3 „

Brownish and blue limestone . . 10 „

Fine conglomerate . . . 2 „

White and sometimes reddish quartzite 12 „

Slate series.

To the south-east of Bagh rises a hill composed of three small transverse ridges connected together, which give it the appearance of three separate summits. A section through the hill is given behind the main section in horizontal section No. 1. From it we see that the base of the hill is an outlier of Trias limestone above the slates, whilst the upper parts of the mountain are composed of grey and Nummulitic limestone. Between the two lies the Jura-Cretaceous band, which has evidently acted as a line of weakness, above and below which, the corrugations of the strata are not harmonious. The reversed fold-fault inserted on the map and indicated in the section near the middle of the hill is peculiar, because it follows the axis of an isoclinal arch in the Grey limestone and the trough of a synclinal in the Trias below.

The whole of the southern part of the Bagh hill is a simple outlier of Triassic and Supra-Triassic rocks, complicated by the corrugations and faulting to which I have referred ; but to the north, in the direction of Maira and Bandee, the Nummulitic limestone alone is visible, plunging down to a very low level and continuing as a narrow faulted strip into the bed of the Dore river and across it to Tirati. Its appearance near Tirati is given in horizontal section No. 2 (Pl. 4), where its extraordinary position, wedged in between masses of slate and Trias limestone at so low a level, is difficult to understand.

The geology of the south-eastern portion of the Bagh-Maira hill was worked out by Mr. Edwards and Sub-Assistant Hira Lal. The stream separating it from the Bara Gali spur is cut out along the slates,

from which up to the top of the Bagh-Maira hill the ordinary ascending series of formations is unbroken, although the outcrops wind about and return upon themselves in a rather complicated way, due, on the one hand, to the folding of the rocks, and on the other to the three side-spurs and intervening streams which travel north-east, respectively, from the three summits of the hill. The section and map should suffice to make this structure comprehensible without further remarks.

The hill-spurs south-west of Bagh, across which the main section (horizontal section No. 1) takes its way, only consist of slates with a small synclinal fold of Trias capping them, a direct continuation of the same rock of the Bagh hill.

From the southern end of the Bagh-Maira outlier, where there is a marked gap in the Slate series, the ascent up to the Taumi peak is a long steady climb, with a gentle inclination as a rule, though a few steeper slopes are to be met with. Forest begins almost as soon as the gap is passed at about 5,700 feet, and the whole of the rest of the way into the colder air zone in which the top of Taumi, 8,025 feet, lies is also through forest which can be seen to spread away, covering all the more elevated hill-tops in the direction of Bara Gali. The prevailing rock during the ascent is slate, but near the final peak there is a small patch of Trias limestone perched on the summit of a neighbouring peak. Taumi also owes its steep craggy summit to the presence in the Slate series of quartzite beds of a hard dark purple-grey colour, and in thicker and stronger beds than ordinarily occur with the slates. These same quartzites extend north-easterly and give to Mian-Jani-ki-choki its peculiarly elevated summit of 9,793 feet.

The most important interruption of the slates in the ascent up the Taumi spur is, however, a great faulted mass of the historical rocks from Trias to Nummulitic, the outcrop being two-thirds of a mile wide. The dip of the whole mass is north-west at angles of  $50^{\circ}$ — $60^{\circ}$ . In the Taumi direction it rests upon the slates in normal order, the base of the Trias consisting of the usual quartzites, and presenting in

a side-view an irregular waving line of junction with the slates, and descending with a steady dip of  $60^{\circ}$  as far as the eye can trace it among the side ravines without shewing any sign of returning upon itself. In the Bagh direction the Nummulitics are in contact with the slates, dipping down against them as in the hills north of Naruh, and as we shall see to be the case along the northern edge of the whole Nummulitic zone when we come to the description of it. A fault of considerable magnitude is, therefore, indicated on the north-western side of this block of formations. Every stratigraphical member of the normal sequence is present in this section, but on account of the forest and undergrowth no good exposures are available. Two noticeable gaps in the ridge are coincident, one with the outcrop of the Spiti shales, and the other with that of the base of the Trias.

This block of formations, wedged in by a fault on its north-western side, is continued along its strike in both directions. Towards the north-east it passes to the hill-spurs north-west of Bara Gali, and the marked gap between the slates and the base of the Trias is distinctly recognizable, even among the forest-clad slopes, as also is the grand sweep at an angle of  $50^{\circ}$  or  $60^{\circ}$ , which the massively bedded rock makes above the thin-bedded slates. The stream between Taumi and the Bara Gali spur has, however, cut through the younger formations above the Trias so that their outcrops bend aside, that on the Taumi ridge being stopped by the fault, and that on the Bara Gali spur shewing a returning bend upwards constituting a synclinal. This southern return bend also carries with it a thin outcrop of the Trias, which travels towards Bugnotur along the western flank of the spur overhanging the stream between it and the Bagh-Maira hill. In a south-westerly direction the same block of formations, bounded as before by the fault on the north-west, passes across the Juggiyan spurs obliquely, the Jura-Cretaceous band making a marked line in the vicinity of Juggiyan village. A little beyond this a cross-fault is inferred and has been inserted on the map on account of a section followed from the hill-top north of Chair down



the ravine to Bazgiran. The actual line of the fault was not located, its inferential existence depending on the fact that the one set of outcrops on the Juggiyan side do not coincide in direction with those on the Hoornaruh side. The steep dip angles take the outcrops over hill and ravine in a nearly straight course, so the above inference seems reasonably justified. The block of formations slightly narrows in the Hoornaruh direction, owing to the fault crossing rather obliquely over the edges of the Nummulitics, and near Garhee the latter and the Jura-Cretaceous band are both entirely cut off. Beyond Garhee, as has already been remarked, there is no representative fold of the younger rocks to correspond with this block of formations.

There is very little more that need be said with regard to the Taumi section. A view from the crest of the ridge down into the Samoondar N. reveals nothing but bare precipices and slopes of slate, quite devoid of forest as far as and a little beyond the bed of the stream where the Slate zone comes to an end and the Nummulitic zone begins. A more or less regular line of fields, on a slightly flattened portion of the slopes about midway between the Samoondar N. and Taumi, indicates a long thin outcrop of Trias limestone, which continues south-west to join up with the Deewal band, and north-east to near Kalabagh. The view south-west from Kalabagh (Pl. 5) shews the valley of the Samoondar, the junction of the Slate and Nummulitic zones, the steep bare face of Taumi, and the distant outliers of Mohar hill and the hill north of Naruh.

*Sections near Sirbunnuh, Uzeezmung, Malsuh, Beerun Gulee, Bugnotur, Maira, and Mian-Fani-ki-choki.*

It will be remembered that in describing the Tandiani area, the Trias and Jura-Cretaceous bands east of Musta peak were dismissed with the remark that their outcrops turned south-east cutting the southern spur of Musta near Jhafur and so on to the neighbourhood of Sirbunnuh. At that place these outcrops pursue a straight and regular

Sections near Sirbunnuh.

course to the south-west, then cross the Dore river and join up with the Deesal inverted limb of the sigmaflexure. They disclose almost vertically bedded strata, which in the higher parts of the section are inclined to the north-west, and in the lower part to the south-east. It is examples of this kind which render it impossible to indicate the dip of such profoundly folded rocks by arrows inserted on the map. The almost vertical position of the Trias in this section gives one perhaps a very reliable estimate of its thickness, because faults and slips of the strata along joint and other planes could have but little effect, or perhaps none, in magnifying or reducing the outcrop of such a set of vertical strata. If this be a correct view, the thickness of the Trias here must average about 1,250 feet. The course which the outcrops take is directly down the hill-spur from Musta *via* Jhafur and Sirbunnuh to the Dore river, the hill-spur gradually lowering till its foot is buried in river-gravels. Round about Sirbunnuh the beds above the Trias are reflexed and repeated by fold-faults two or three times. They have already been referred to in describing the section up the Hertoh river. The junction of the Trias with the slates is a normal one, calling for no remark.

Between the Sirbunnuh spur and the Uzeezmung hill there is a  
 Section up the Dore river and Karati N. from the strike of Uzeezmung.  
 deeply cut stream flowing into the Dore and draining parallel to the Sirbunnuh spur. The point where this stream joins the Dore is the normal junction between the Trias and the slates to the south-east, and the latter follow in a broad outcrop  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile wide, and strike due north-east to Nuniali. Starting in this lowest member of the stratigraphical sequence our course up the Dore river and Karati N. is the ordinary route followed by travellers from Abbottabad to the hill stations dotted along the Gulees. A good bridle-road goes the whole way. There is no noteworthy feature about the slates in this exposure, except that as we pass across them they shew many signs of faulting, folding, and disturbance, with complete smashing in places as we near the next great faulted junction between them and the Trias. This line of junction cuts the river south-west of Uzeezmung and is in continuation with

the fault on the eastern spur of Tope. The Trias limestone, which we now enter upon, is in an extraordinary state of disturbance. The cliff to the north-east of the deep bed of the Dore is over 1,500 feet in height and a mile long as far as where the Tirati stream enters the Dore, and its steep and bare precipices exhibit fold after fold in the Trias limestone, especially confusing near the north-western faulted junction with the slates. I have attempted to render these in horizontal section No. 2, where the portion of the section alluded to above is seen forming the base of the great hill south of Uzeezmung. Far above our heads we know, from what we saw from the eastern spur of Tope, that the Jura-Cretaceous and Nummulitic rocks appear in normal order above this cliff, but the gorge of the Dore is much too steep and shut-in for us to see any trace of them from our present position in its bed. Still ascending up the river, and shortly after reaching the stream which joins the Dore from Tirati, there is very much disturbance of the Trias once more as a preliminary to another faulted junction between it and the little wedge of Grey limestone referred to (p. 163) as the north-eastern continuation of the Maira-Bandee outcrop (horizontal section No. 2 crosses the Tirati stream further to the north-east and shews this faulted wedge on the Uzeezmung side of the stream). It is barely  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile wide, after which there is another line of faults dividing it from the next set of slates. The slate outcrop now entered upon continues the whole way up to Bugnotur, after which up the hill-side immediately south-east of the staging bungalow there is an abrupt contact of them with Nummulitic limestone to the south-east. The slates here are very much crushed and shattered, being in some places reduced to a fine powder, and the Nummulitics next them are also much shattered. To the south-west along this strike and across the Karati N. the fault gradually dies out, its place being taken by a normal ascending series through the Trias and Jura-Cretaceous, which form the north-western limb of the synclinal, noticed in the spur north-west of Bara Gali when ascending the Taumi section from Bagh. At one point on the "B" of Bugnotur there is seen for the last time a little

inverted anticlinal in the Jura-Cretaceous, where the Grey and Nummulitic limestones are bending over against the fault as drawn below.

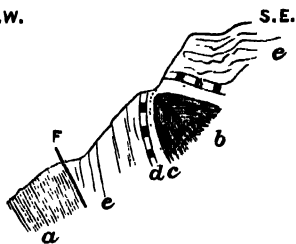


Fig. 18.

- e = Grey Limestone.
- d = Cretaceous.
- c = Gieumal Sandstone.
- b = Spiti Shales.
- a = Slates.

In the road-section nothing is seen of this arrangement, it being as given in horizontal section No. 2 (Pl. 4). The Nummulitic and Grey limestones are first thrown into alternating undulating folds, and a bed of oolitic iron ore 4-5 feet thick, which I think is the representative of the variegated sandstone elsewhere containing coal, separates them. A similar rock was noticed on the Scree ridge in apparent connection with

the white and variegated sandstone of saccharoid texture in which coal was actually found. After numerous undulations of this sort we come to a steady inverted dip in the Grey limestone, which forms the ridge north-north-east of the "r" of Karati. This is followed by the Cretaceous rock *in situ* on the road, and by indications of the Spiti shales in the side-stream to the north-north-east. This Jura-Cretaceous band, as it is hardly necessary to point out, is a continuation of the south-eastern limb of the synclinal of the hill-spurs north-west of Bara Gali. Gaps on the ridges in both directions mark the outcrop of these shales, and between them terraces of fields with a dark-coloured soil follow their course among the dense forest of Biar, Oak, and Chir. The next set of cliffs by the road-side are in the Trias limestone, also in a slightly inverted position for a short distance, and then in subsidiary folds, as shewn along a corresponding line of country in horizontal section No. 2 near Maira, until finally they are found resting still in an inverted position against the slates. The line of junction is extremely well marked, and the great slabs of well-bedded Trias descend in magnificent curves from the hill above to the stream-bed. Many of them are covered with vermicular markings, not unlike the *Spongia paradoxica* of Hunstanton, England, and are doubtless of a concretionary nature. The base of the Trias here is fossiliferous and has been

described (stratigraphical elements, chap. II, p. 29). The following is a section with the fossiliferous layers indicated. The spot was marked by Wynne on his unfinished map.

Ordinary Trias limestone.

Grey shales and marls with imperfect fossils	.	.	.	8 feet.
Limestone with fossils	.	.	.	10 "
Fine pebbly layer	.	.	.	1 foot.
Shales	.	.	.	1 "
Quartzite—about	.	.	.	12 feet.
Slate series.				

The section will be seen to bear a considerable resemblance to that of the same horizon near Bagh. If we leave the road and climb a short distance up to the ridge to the east along the line of the base of the Trias, we reach the marked indentation on the ridge overlooking the Kula N., and can follow perfectly by the eye the same line as it strikes down into that stream and crosses it to the Maira side-spur from the Mian-Jani ridge, which it divides immediately under the village of that name (see horizontal section No. 2). Allowing the gaze to travel down the spur from Maira towards Jhootmung, it naturally selects some darkly coloured fields for the position of the Jura-Cretaceous band.

The Kula N. in its upper parts among the slates, where it drains down from the great Mian-Jani peak, is a wild open grassy valley, bare of forest on the Mian-Jani side. But below Maira the stream has cut for itself a deep and rocky channel with rugged side-spurs of limestone, first of Trias and then of Nummulitic, descending into it and covered with dense and beautiful forest of Biar, Chir, Oak, Barungi, etc. Our endeavour to penetrate up this valley from Dhukkee was frustrated by the difficulty of the narrow path, which, having broken away in a precipitous place, compelled us to return.

The stream from Tirati opens into the Dore by a vertically walled cañon in the limestone, only a few feet wide, along the bed of which it was necessary to wade for a considerable distance. The Abbottabad

Section up the stream  
from Tirati.

road crosses it by a wooden strut-bridge at a height of about 60 feet. The gorge meanders along the outcrop of the Grey limestone and Jura-Cretaceous, and in so doing crosses several times at different places both of the faults on each side of the wedge of these rocks before reaching Tirati where the stream divides. The hill just south of the "1" of Malsuh shews that the Trias has again returned to its normal position in contact with the slates, both series being practically vertical, and much folded in extended isoclinal folds. We may assume, therefore, that the narrow wedge of Grey limestone and Jura-Cretaceous rocks along which we traversed has come to an end by the junction and dying-out of the two nearly parallel faults which bounded it. The stream section above Tirati is, however, far from clear as to the details of the process.

From the last position at the north-eastern end of the wedge of Grey limestone, the hill-side above to the north-west shews, by the presence of a village among dark-coloured fields a little east of the "g" of Uzeezmung, that there is a sharp fold of the Spiti shales among the Trias on the slope. Travelling up across this ridge *viâ* Malsuh, and across the intervening ridges and spurs to Sirbunnuh, we pass over sections which may be summarised in the sketch-section which follows. The pathway along which my party travelled is a steep and difficult one, our laden mules only with the greatest trouble being able to pass some of the rotten disintegrating spurs of slate. Comparing the section below with the structure of the hill south of Uzeezmung, as depicted in horizontal section No. 2, we see that the contorted and peculiar folding of the Trias and superincumbent rocks of that hill are replaced in that section by some very pretty examples of faulted sigmaflexures, involving all the rocks in stratigraphical sequence from the slates to the Spiti shales. To follow out the change the map must be consulted in conjunction with the sections. It will then be seen that the *Supra*-Trias rocks, south of Uzeezmung, are in the form of an irregularly elliptical outlier. The Grey limestone forms the top of the main ridge as far as the "B" of Bhungoor,

Section from  
near Phulkot  
to Sirbunnuh.

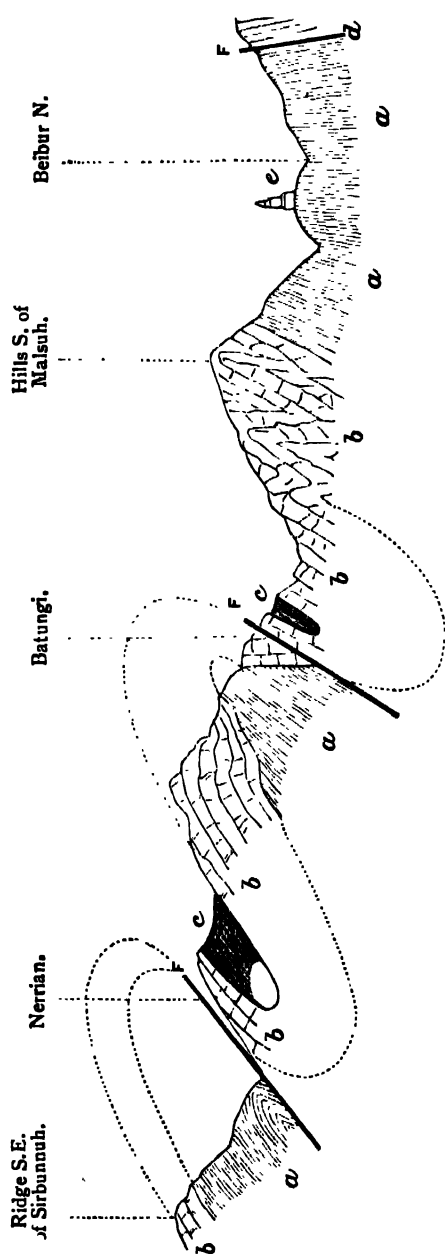


Fig. 19.  
 e = Recent Gravels.  
 d = Grey Limestone.  
 c = Spiti Shales.  
 b = Trias Limestone  
 a = Slate Series.

when a gap in the ridge allows the south-eastern outcrop of the Jura-Cretaceous band to change over from the hill-side facing Bugnotur and to take a northerly direction V-ing down a side-stream towards Nerrian, where it meets the north-western outcrop of that band, after which the two proceed as a single narrow outcrop for about a mile in a north-easterly direction and then die out. This is the little fold in the Spiti shales seen to the left hand of the sketch-section (fig. 19) and occupying the trough of the left-hand sigmaflexure. This pinched-up fold in the Jurassics is, therefore, all that is left of the wide

outlier of the Jura-Cretaceous and Grey limestone, capping the great hill south of Uzeezmung and represented in horizontal section No. 2. It is somewhat analogous to the long thin outcrops, extending north-east and south-west respectively, from the Deesal ellipse in the same rocks (see Tope sections). East of it the thinned-out middle limb of the sigmaflexure in the Trias, the low-dipping thrust-plane or reversed fault bounding it, followed by the slates, and the Trias limestone of the ridge south-east of Sirbunnah are strike continuations of the similar sequence of outcrops referred to in the section up the Dore. In the neighbourhood of Batungi the sketch-section represents another sigmaflexure of which there is no trace in horizontal section No. 2. Along the arch of this reflexed fold the slates which begin to protrude through the Trias a little north of the "g" of Uzeezmung appear, and they continue increasing in the width of their outcrop towards Beerun Gulee. South-east of the slate outcrop there is a broken or torn middle limb in the Trias on the "i" of Batungi, followed by a narrow band of Spiti shales in the trough of the fold. In the cliff-section, north-north-west of the "M" in Malsuh, the band is very narrow indeed, but it expands considerably in the little gap north of Malsuh village. In the first position, where it is extremely narrow, or almost reduced to nothing by compression of the lips of the Trias limestone, it approaches very nearly to what is called by Heim and Margerie "*noyau synclinal détaché par étranglement*" and must be imagined as of the following structure (fig. 20). After

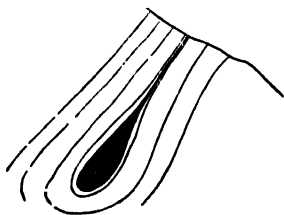


Fig. 20.

the Spiti shales the trough-limb of the sigmaflexure to the right is formed of Trias limestone, repeated in one or two minor folds and rising into the high ridge south and north of Malsuh, beyond the crest of which it comes in conjunction with the slates of the Beibur N. Near Phulkot the slates are in abrupt contact with the Nummulitic limestone by a reversed fault. This fault was traced by Hira Lal along the



intervening country between this point and Bugnotur *viâ* Khetur. As this fault crosses the Kula N., the Beibur N., and the intervening spurs, it will be seen that it Vs slightly up the gorges indicating a hade to the south-east of the reversed fault along this part of its course.

We have only now to note the dying-out of the outcrops of the younger formations along this line of section as they trend north-east towards Beerun Gulee, and the hill-spurs which rise north-west and south-east of it. The narrow strip of Spiti shales near Nerrian has already been stated to die out about a mile from that village. The Trias band, among which they lie, continues much further in that direction, but also dies out against the fault about the "B" of Beerun Gulee, although it is continued on the hill-spur just north of the pass at Beerun Gulee, beyond which in the direction of the Silole N., as has already been described, the country descends steeply and is cut out entirely in the heart of the great Slate series. The thin slate band near Batungi, which in the sketch-section (fig. 19) has only just emerged from beneath the Trias, expands on the contrary in a north-easterly direction and joins the great slate area beyond Beerun Gulee. The rest of the section in the Trias, and the briefly extended band of Spiti shales, die out against a prolongation of the fold-fault which starts near the "i" of Batungi, the last fragment of the Trias being just to the south of the "G" of Beerun Gulee.

North-west of Beerun Gulee, and north of the villages Malsuh, Batungi, etc., the hill-spurs begin to rise steeply towards Musta peak, 8,435 feet, and to be covered with the usual north temperate conifers, oaks, etc. At Malsuh several oak trees, forming a small grove, were covered thickly with mistletoe at the time of our visit. Beerun Gulee itself marks the end of the Tandíáni Musta hill-range and the beginning of the side spurs projecting from the Mian-Jani and Oocha-Truppi range.

The continuation of the Bugnotur-Jhootmung outcrop of the Nummulitic limestone, with the underlying Jura-Cretaceous and Trias,

to where they disappear against the Bugnotur-Khetur fault, was filled in on the map from a distant view seen from Mian-Jani, 9,793 feet. A splendid panoramic view over the country just described is obtained from this vantage point, not to mention the still more distant view across into Kashmir and beyond to the great Nanga Parbat snowy peak. My drawing of this panorama was, however, interfered with on the only occasion on which I climbed the hill, by the indisposition of my servant and coolie, both of whom in turn fell down unconscious whilst holding the umbrella over my plane-table. I was obliged to bring them to with bottled beer, the only liquid with us, and then to send them down into the shade of some trees to a patch of snow.

The section north of Mian-Jani along the ridge I was unable to examine during the last hot weather  
Mian-Jani sections. spent in Hazara, for the reason given in the introduction, that snow lay in thick and impassable drifts upon certain northern faces of the ridge until the rains set in. Having viewed the ridge from all points of the compass, I am morally certain that the Slate series alone is present the whole way to Puttun. All the lower eastern spurs were examined from the Koonhar river, and they are similarly constituted. Even more so than on the eastern flanks of the Tandíáni ridge, do these spurs and the intervening ravines descend sharply and steeply to lower levels. South-west of Mian-Jani the great gap between it and the Kalabagh ridge is filled with splendid forest of Paludar and Biar, as also are the northern slopes of Moorchpoori in the Nummulitic zone, and the great valley of the Bukot N. Some of the forest trees are here of phenomenal size. The Kalabagh band of Trias limestone, which has already been traced into conjunction with that of Deewal, breaks up into two bands which were traced by Hira Lal across the south-eastern spurs of Mian-Jani as far as its eastern spur, after which they appear to die out. At the deep gap just referred to they are separated from the Nummulitics of the Nummulitic zone by the great fault which divides the Slate zone from the Nummulitic zone.

*The Slate zone as a whole.*

In taking leave of the descriptive part of the Slate zone, the following more noteworthy results of a general character may be here summarised :—

1. Despite the great expanse of country occupied by the Slate series in this zone, and despite the great vertical range through which they are exposed, there is only one locality away from the border of the crystalline and metamorphic zone, namely, near Puttun, where they possess the slightest trace of a mineralisation along their folia, tending to link them with the crystalline schists.

2. As regards the Infra-Trias, we have found that it is confined to a well-marked sub-zone on the north-western side of the main zone, and that although continuous the whole length of the zone, it dies out with extraordinary rapidity in the opposite direction.

3. Nothing is more noticeable throughout this zone than the persistent mutual inter-relationship existing between the various members of the stratigraphical sequence from Trias to Nummulitic, so that each and all are almost invariably found together in the same cliff section or on the same hill-side.

4. As regards the geotectonic features of the area we must note—

- (a) The uniform steady strike of the area, north-east and south-west, or thereabouts.
- (b) The generally elliptical or lenticular shape of the outliers of the formations younger than the slates.
- (c) That these outliers taper away very gradually as a rule in a south-westerly direction, whilst to the north-east they are rather more abrupt and blunted.
- (d) That the flexuring of the area is of a rather extreme type, and somewhat more marked and characterised by isoclinal folds along the Infra-Triassic sub-zone than elsewhere, and that the sigmaflexure type of fold with accompanying overthrust is prevalent.

- (e) That the faults, as would be expected in such an area of great disturbance and flexuring, are generally of the nature of reversed strike, or fold-faults, whereby the outliers of the younger rocks are made to plunge or dip down on one side (generally the north-west) against the older series.

5. One of the most patent facts about this zone is that the sculpturing of the area by denudation has been very intense and long continued, as is testified by the great size of the valleys and plains excavated in this zone, by their irregular course, either with or across the strike or at any other angle to it, by their great depth, and by the fact that no single instance is to be found throughout the zone of uplift areas of what is known as the Uinta type, that is to say flexures that by their original form have given immediate shape and character to the resulting mountains and glens ; in other words, no valley is ever a pure and simple synclinal, and no hill is a pure and simple anticlinal. We may also note, as further exemplifying the great activity displayed by denudation, that most of the ridges steepen towards their crests and are very deeply scored by side ravines.

6. That the topography, resulting from (5), presents the high contrasts of towering crags and culminating peaks overlooking the deep river and stream-beds, and shews a marked tendency to a natural division of its surface into isolated ranges and culminating points with radiating spurs, *e.g.*, Gundgurh range, and the Sirban, Tope, Tandíáni, Taumi, and Mian-jani centres ; from each of which its own hill-sides descend in spurs and buttresses and give to it a distinct individuality of its own.

#### CHAPTER IV.—DESCRIPTIVE GEOLOGY—*contd.*

##### C.—THE NUMMULITIC ZONE.

##### *Orography.*

The boundaries of this zone have been given, page 87. The zone is an exceedingly characteristic one. Throughout its whole extent

on the map it may be seen to be very sharply defined by bounding faults or overthrusts from its two neighbouring zones. Like the Slate zone it takes its name from the rock most prominently displayed at the surface, *vis.*, the Nummulitic limestone, although unlike the Slate zone this is not the lowest formation visible but very nearly the highest. Wherever through erosion, or by reason of the crumpling and faulting of the rocks, the lowermost strata of the zone are exposed, they belong uniformly to the Trias. We have already seen that the Infra-Trias series was unrepresented along the southern sub-zone of the great Slate zone, and therefore we should not expect to find it anywhere visible in this still more southern zone of rocks; and this is found to be the case. But besides this, there is also no visible occurrence of the Slate series beneath the Trias. If we follow up any of the long straight longitudinal valleys, or traverse down any of the deep-cut transverse gorges belonging to this area we shall alike find the Trias limestone to be the apparent base of everything—the geological foundation of this zone; just as the slates, and nothing below them, were found to be the lowest exposed strata in the Slate zone.

One of the most striking orographical features of this zone is the absence of wide alluvial valleys such as the Dore, and also the absence of plains such as the Abbottabad, Hureepoor, and Mansehrh plains. Another very noteworthy feature of this zone is that the main rivers, streams, and valleys are parallel to the general strike of the country (E.N.E.—W.S.W.); and between them run parallel hill-ranges. The valleys are narrow and winding, and sometimes of considerable steepness, whilst the intervening ranges form either continuous masses of the nature of scarped, craggy, narrow but broad-topped table-lands, or, if they are cut through by transverse streams, the latter are of the nature of deeply-cleft gorges, so sharp and precipitous that they are hardly visible until one is directly over them. There are also no isolated hill-masses like those of Sirban, Gundgurb, Tandiáni, etc., in this zone, nor are there disjointed outliers of younger rocks above older with circular or

elliptical outcrops. The bands of the different formations are everywhere much more continuous in straight lines. In other words, the denudation of this zone appears to be in a comparatively backward state, and the face of nature still has its more prominent features determined by the original earth crumplings. It is not easy to gather any idea of this from the map of the country with this memoir, but if the two panorama views (plates 9 and 10) be examined with this object, the difference will be very apparent. Although the general sculpturing of this zone follows largely the strike of the rocks and the axes of the folds, there is nevertheless a great orographical feature with a north and south alignment which must not be overlooked. I refer to the so-called backbone of this part of Hazara, which, connected to the north with the Mian-Jani-ki-choki and Tandiáni masses, extends by means of a number of lofty peaks and intervening gaps (called gulees) as far as Murree. This is the line of watershed between the Jhelum drainage to the east and the Indus drainage to the west; and along it from Tandiáni to Murree we can enumerate the following higher points and intervening "gulees," *vis.*, Tandiáni, 8,845 feet; Beerun Gulee, Oochatruppi, 9,501 feet; Mian-Jani-ki-choki, 9,793 feet; Bukot Gulee, Moorchoopoori, 9,232 feet; Doonga Gulee, Kamur, 8,919 feet; Koonja Gulee, Changla Gulee, Chumbi, 8,751 feet; Khaira Gulee, Bumkot, 7,028 feet; Deria Gulee, Kooldana, 7,060 feet; Kooldana cross-roads (gap), Murree ridge, 7,267 feet. A good many of these points can be recognised in the Moorchoopoori panorama (Pl. 8), together with the strike-ridges and intervening streams which descend to the Jhelum valley. A view in the other direction is represented in the Changla Gulee panorama, where from the culminating points of Chumbi, Bumkot, etc., we see a series of better preserved strike-ridges and valleys travelling south-west, the perfect parallelism of which may be gathered from the way the perspective makes them regularly converge in the distance.

Although this north-and-south backbone has a unity of its own, inasmuch as it divides the waters which go east from the waters which go west, yet to a geologist, if to no one else, its ultimate

composite character is very clear. Each of the culminating peaks is the decayed remnant of one particular fold or set of folds of the earth's crust—folds which cut nearly at right angles to the watershed. Consequently, if we take any one of these peaks, we find its structural equivalent not to the north and south of it but to the east-north-east west-south-west of it. Thus, to give one instance, the Moorchoopoori massif may be readily seen to be a rather high development of the steady uniform range of Nummulitic limestone on which the names Tutreeluh, Bulkot 6,103, Balkooh 5,074, Doobran 4,977, Sribang 5,661, Chujjiyan 4,668, Janomar 4,387, and Serh 4,005, are to be found. Similarly each of the gaps or gulees has its structural equivalent, not in other similar gaps to the north or south, but in the longitudinal valleys running either west-south-west or east-north east.

So far as European visitors and residents are concerned, the north-and-south watershed from Murree to Kalabagh is the part of this zone which is the best known. Its general elevation from 7,000 to 8,000 feet makes it a very suitable hot-weather resort, and so it is dotted over at intervals with clusters of little wooden houses and barracks for summer residents, troops, schools of musketry, etc. Many tourists and sportsmen on their way to Kashmir make a short stay in the gulees. The luxuriant growth of coniferous trees covering all the main peaks and ridges, and the steep glens in the neighbourhood, is a striking and beautiful feature. There are the stately pillared groves of Paludar, *Abies webbiana*, which strike their roots firmly into the summits of the chief ridges and spurs, and so defy wind, rain and snow, everything in fact except the lightning which has left its blasting mark on the more pointed summits such as Moorchoopoori and Chumbi; there are the closely packed hollows among the slopes filled to overflowing with the pale green Biar, *Pinus excelsa*, whilst here and there among these more prominent genera may be found oak, horse-chestnut (decked with blossoms in the spring) the maple or sycamore, and two species of elm, the broad-leaved and the narrow-leaved. All these and some few other less important trees make up forest scenery which would be

remarkable anywhere, but which to the streams of jaded refugees from the hot weather of the plains and the burnt-brown dusty colour of everything, is a memory never to be forgotten.

But whilst the single line of hill-road connecting the gulees with each other is alive during the summer with coolies and baggage mules,—whilst every household, dāk bungalow, and tiny bazaar swells the chorus of recruiting humanity among the echoing woods,—within rifle-range and almost within a stone's-throw down the steep “khuds” to the east are abysses of almost trackless forest, on the outskirts of which the grass-cutter plies his sickle, but the heart of which must be better known to bears than to man. Further down again on favourable ridges and the lower slopes of the mountain-spurs come a few villages with their terraced fields reaching down to the Kanair R, which marks the boundary between this zone and the Upper Tertiary zone. As the winter months approach, residents, troops, civil and military officers, bazaar shopkeepers, and even the post office and telegraph office clerks and the dāk bungalow caretakers, all leave the ridge for the lower country, and the forest-covered gulees are again silent save for the roaring wind and sweeping snow-drifts.

On the western side of the watershed the side ridges lower gradually in height, and the wooded glens steepen as they join up with one or other branch of the Hurroh R. The tall conifers cease about the 6,000 feet level, and forest, with the exception of scrub jungle, almost entirely ceases. The low scrub jungle of Sanatha (Sunhetta), *dodonæa burmanniana*, the thorny Sumbal and Phulahi, *acacia modesta*, Ber, *sisyphus*, etc., with here and there a few of the following trees, Kangar, *pistacia integerrima*, Darwa or Drawa, *cedrela, serrata*, Batangi, wild medlar, Khair, *acacia catechu*, Bis, willow, Tut, wild mulberry, *morus indica*, Dhaman, *grewia oppositifolia*, etc., etc., is of considerable importance as a source of firewood for the Rawalpindi, Hureepoor, and Abbottabad neighbourhood. Hence it is reserved over a great part of the area drained by the Hurroh and its tributaries north and south. Along the longitudinal valleys, and here



and there upon the hills, there are villages, nearly all of small size and often very much scattered and overlapping down the narrow strips of alluvium lining the river-beds. As may be imagined, cultivable land is scarce, water on the porous limestone hills is often a question of moment, and hence it is that these parts are but scantily inhabited, and so much land is given up to the growth of firewood.

Although it cannot be said to be difficult of access along certain lines of road and along the principal valleys (for within a few miles of the pebbly river-bed the gorge of the Hurroh R. is the main highway), yet the crossing of these rugged limestone hills, often steeply scarped and covered with the tough tenacious Sanatha, is sometimes less of a pleasure than a necessity to the geologist, and many weary hours have been spent forcing one's way through the dense undergrowth.

In the extreme western part of this area the Hurroh valley in the neighbourhood of Khanpoor at last opens out into a wide and smiling plain, the strike ridges fall to still lower levels and many die out under the alluvium in the direction of Oosman Khatir.

### (1) *Sections in the gulees.*

The Mian-Jani, Bara Gali and Taumi hill-masses, composed of the great slate-formation with prominent bands of quartzite, form the last outcrop of the Slate series in a southerly direction. It is parted from the Nummulitic zone by a great long sinuous fold-fault parallel to the general strike of the country. This has already been defined as the northern boundary of the Nummulitic zone. The presumably lower palæozoic, or older, rocks of the Slate zone, and the great spread of nodular and concretionary limestone of lower tertiary age are brought into direct contact by means of this fault, which must be imagined as of the nature of a great overthrust of the older rocks above the younger. Only in one place—*vis.*, at Bukot Gulee—is there anything left of the intermediate formations in the shape of a band about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile broad of the Trias limestone already mentioned (page 175); whilst nowhere is there an unfaulted boundary embracing a normal or inverted ascend-

ing series through Trias, Jura-Cretaceous and Grey limestone. This is alike true in the section along the steep ridge north of Kalabagh and also in the deep "khuds" on either side of this ridge. The view looking west-south-west from Kalabagh (Pl. 5) will give some idea of the unswerving and important nature of this line of fracture and overthrust. Incidentally we may note in that sketch the barren hill-sides on the scarped southern face of Taumi and the Biar-covered northern slopes of the Nummulitic limestone. Both aspect, and the different nature of the soil due to the rocks beneath, seem to have been efficacious in marking this difference. A similar contrast is observed on each side of the fault as it passes east by the Bukot gulee and along the Bukot stream.

Although the line of country indicated in the margin does not cut directly across the strike of the rocks but diagonal to it, it will be convenient to describe the section on account of its accessibility and the exposures afforded by the road-cuttings. The great overthrust to the north of the zone passes  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile or less north of Kalabagh through a sharp gap in the ridge where the road for a moment gives a view down into the Kula N. The Nummulitics which then set in consist of limestone and grey splintery shales of the ordinary kind, but no good exposures are seen until Kalabagh is reached. The strike there is east-north-east—west-south-west and the dip north-north-west at very high angles in massive limestone. In some local sections the strike is east and west and the dip accordingly. A little south-east of Kalabagh the quantity of limestone relatively to the shale becomes less, and in the direction of Nathia Gulee (which is due north of Milach) shales become still more prominent, interbedded with concretionary limestone, and very much split and cross-jointed. Among the shales numerous small *foraminifera*, *ostreae* and corals may be noticed, but they are minute and extremely ill preserved. The strike continues the same and the dip is approximately vertical. Owing to the preponderance of shales at Nathia Gulee the hill-sides are more flowing and the necessary sites for houses have

Section along the  
road from Kalabagh  
to Doonga Gulee.

been easily obtained. Numerous springs of water issue along the lines of these shales.

Continuing along the road south-east of Nathia Gulee the limestone increases in importance again. Some few fine exposures of massive limestone give a dip of  $80^{\circ}$  N.W. and then  $60^{\circ}$  S.E. and S.S.E. Alternations of limestone and shale are, however, the rule, the former showing lenticular-tabular, concretionary, and massive varieties of dark grey colour, but weathering whitish. Fossils are easily discernible, but of small size. There is also much curving of the strata, with slicken-sided surfaces and infiltration veins of calcite. As regards the peculiar concretionary habit of the rock which I have named lenticular-tabular (and which resembles the structure of the same name in the gneissose-granite), it is but natural to suppose it an imperfectly concretionary one, but there are some few places in which the lenticular structure seems to cut across the bedding more or less. One such locality is on the road  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile south of Nathia Gulee and another 1 mile N.W. of that place. Hence the structure may partly be due to a yielding of the rock along shear planes, the concretions in the limestone being involved in the process in the same way that the crystals of orthoclase in the gneissose-granite have been (see p. 65).

Continuing along the road where it goes up the stream from Moorch-poori (now the spring-head of the Murree water-supply) we pass many well-bedded blocks of strata full of fossils and with vertical dip, strike east-west. At Doonga Gulee more shaley beds set in.

If instead of traversing along the road from Kalabagh to Doonga we take the west-north-west spur of Moorch-poori, keeping to the ridge, we shall find much the same sort of section as far as the thick surface soil and the undergrowth will allow. The ridge rises gradually in rather irregular steps as the strike of the rocks, oblique with regard to the ridge, brings in shales and limestone alternately. From the crest of the ridge as we proceed magnificent peeps over Kashmir may be obtained between the towering stems of the Paludar, wherever nature or art has made a

clearing. In the thick leafy undergrowth through which we pass we may notice the many-coloured balsams, wild strawberries and raspberries covering the slopes, maiden-hair fern nestling among the lime stone crannies, primulas, wild geranium, buttercups, daisies, sorrel, dock, larkspur, and the strange cobra-plant.

Between the west-north-west spur of Moorchpoori and the N.E. spur of the same which goes to Bukot, there are steep slopes and glens full of forest except along the great water and snow slides. The outcrops of the strata cannot be well seen along these slopes, and but an imperfect notion of the rocks can be got by taking the road to Bukot or Kohala from Nathia Gulee which follows below these slopes by the side of the Bukot stream. The great fault takes a line now on one side and now on the other of the stream-bed as far as a point  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles west-south-west of Bukot village, when it turns gradually away towards the north-east, north-north-east and north. Before this happens, however, there are imperfect exposures on the road of the Spiti shales and Gieumal sandstone, outcropping E. and W. and cutting the N.E. ridge from Moorchpoori by some fields at Khun Khoord (according to observations by Hira Lal), after which the outcrops turn south along the eastern face of Moorchpoori. The north-eastern continuation of this zone consists now entirely of Trias limestone following below the Jurassics, and travelling as a narrow tongue from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile wide with a north-and-south outcrop as far as the junction of the Jhelum and Koonhar, after which it passes out of the district. This great turn in the strike and direction of the disturbance zone boundaries from east-north-east to due north will be found to be a general feature as the Jhelum valley is approached.

To the south-west of the road from Kalabagh to Doonga Gulee, steep spurs and slopes descend to the stream  
 Section below Milach. below Milach, and here we must notice the appearance of the prominent outlier of the Kuldana beds and of two or three thinner bands of the same rock on the slopes a little south of Kalabagh. On account of the bright purple colour of the associated gypsiferous shales and clays, these beds may be easily recognised

from afar, and during the rains they change the flooded water of the Milach stream (Hurroh R. head-waters) to a reddish chocolate colour. The presence of these outliers of higher tertiary rocks in this valley, whilst there is no trace of them along the strike on the Moorchpoori ridge, is a peculiarity which requires accounting for. The exposure of the rocks in the bed of the stream is rather peculiar. Steep crumbling slopes of them, densely covered with forest on the south side, and bare on the north, lie in an apparent anticlinal—see fig. 21.

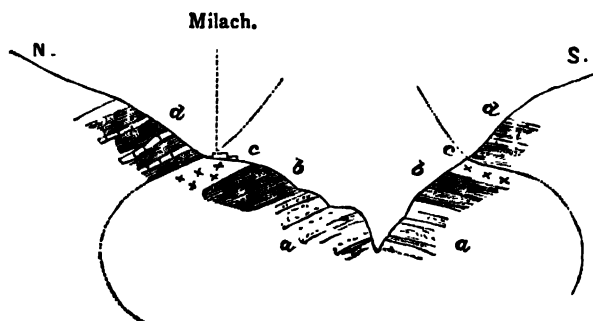


Fig. 21.

The lowest part of the apparent anticlinal is composed of purplish red splintery shales with purple and grey sandstone courses, *a*. Higher up in the section the sandstone dies out and nothing but purplish shales remain, *b*. Above this again in contact with the Nummulitic rocks there is a layer of gypsum and dolomite, the former often filling up the interstices of the latter, *c*. The Nummulitic rocks appear above, first as shales and nodular limestone, *d*. Wynne in one of his papers<sup>1</sup> refers to these red rocks as though he admitted the possibility of their belonging to the Infra-Trias, although he thought it more probable that they belonged to the Kuldana beds. The latter view seems to me to be the only possible interpretation. No difference is observable between them and other sections in the Kuldana series near Murree, whilst the dark sandstones associated with the purple shales are very typical Tertiary sandstones, a rock

<sup>1</sup> Rec. G. S. of I., Vol. VII, pt 2, 1874.

not easy to mistake for anything else.<sup>1</sup> Assuming this, the difficulty is to account for their present position, for if the apparent anticlinal is a real one, then the strata from Nummulitic limestone to Murree beds, including the anticlinal, are upside down, a thing difficult to believe and at the very least very improbable. But if the outlier was originally a remnant of a much-folded synclinal, it might be better understood as a *noyau synclinal détaché par étranglement* (Heim and Margerie) as indicated by the dotted lines in fig. 21. Possibly, however, much of their present position is due to a surface slipping and sliding *en masse* of the soft shaley material down the hill-sides from an originally much higher level.

I have not attempted by means of a horizontal section or otherwise to indicate the precise nature of the foldings of the rocks in the zone over which we have so far passed. It must be understood that the reason for this is that there are no sections sufficiently clear and free from forest and other surface covering as to warrant such regular treatment. The descriptions of these gulee sections, however, are given with a certain amount of detail, because of their accessibility. A little further south-west in the zone, the rock structure is much more easily deciphered, and has been selected for the line taken by horizontal section No. 3.

Returning to Doonga Gulee and continuing our irregular line

Section from Doonga Gulee to Changla Gulee. of section along the Changla road *vid* Kamur peak and Koonjee Gulee (the section here follows the bridle-road south-west of the ridge, not the new Murree water-works road) we traverse at first diagonally across the edges of Nummulitic limestone, apparently dipping 60°–70° south-east, which is followed by grey unfossiliferous limestone up to a point north-north-west of Kamur. Here, with vertical dip, comes in a slip of Cretaceous and possibly some Gieumal sandstone and then more Grey limestone with varying dip, but

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Verchère, Journ. As. Soc., Bengal, Vol. XXXVI, 1867, refers to these rocks as Geyserian, and speaks of them as composed of minute acicular crystals of albite, tuffaceous limestone, and covered by rubanneous and dark slate much disturbed.

generally inverted to the south-south-west at high angles. A little north-east of the last "a" of Pasala the great band of Nummulitic limestone comes to an end, and at the 16th milestone from Murree we turn a corner of the road shewing Gieumal sandstone with numerous fossils. A little further on, Spiti shales with concretionary layers can be seen; but the proper relations of each to each, though not difficult to understand for one who knows the much better exposed sections elsewhere, is a puzzling bit of stratigraphy, with the solution of which I need not trouble the reader. Trias limestone, as characteristic as possible, and still shewing inversion to the south-east and south at  $55^{\circ}$ — $70^{\circ}$  follows; and on turning into the bay of the road due west of Kamur peak we can follow by the eye the Jura-Cretaceous band as it travels away to the west-south-west in the direction of the "n" of Bagan, and cutting as it does so straight across steep rocky hill-spurs and profound ravines, as if a vertical dip was its true position. On the other side of the Kamur hill the Jura-Cretaceous can only be seen dimly exposed on the Murree water-works road, but its position and the general outcrop of the massive Trias limestone can be followed by eye, down into the profound wooded gorges of the Lahor N. and across the southern buttresses of Moorchpoori to join up with the band on the eastern face of that hill as traced by Hira Lal. To actually trace this band foot by foot from the Kamur ridge to Hotur is almost impossible on account of precipices, long grass, and dense forest. Its general lie here, too, is approximately vertical.

The Trias band has a width of about 1 mile, and we may therefore presume some refolding among its strata; but anything like certainty on this point cannot be arrived at from road exposures which are as a rule a mere girdle of clear structure round the forest-covered hill. On the eastern side of the ridge, however, there are some few fine rock exposures laid bare by the engineers of the water-works road.

The southern boundary of the Trias band is a fault bringing in the Nummulitic limestone suddenly, once more, along the line as

shewn on the map, at the 14th milestone from Murree. Near the junction the exposures shew great irregularity of dip, but gradually N.N.W. and S.S.E. dips become the rule in shales and concretionary limestones. About  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile before reaching Koonja Gulee the limestone becomes very nodular and its dip steadies down to  $45^{\circ}$  S.E. At this place the rock in its excessively nodular character more nearly resembles that of the Salt-Range than before. At the Koonja Gulee bazaar the dip is nearly vertical in shales and limestone, the actual direction wavering on one or other side of the vertical.

From Koonja Gulee on for a mile or so the road follows the ridge as a whole and displays the same kind of rocks in endless alternation or repetition. Notwithstanding the most detailed notes taken on the spot, the nature of this great Nummulitic formation, and more particularly its indivisibility (except broadly) into stages, are such that it is impossible to give any detailed solution of the structural problems presented by it. The strike keeps fairly constant, but as for the dip, the only thing certain about it is its uncertainty, and the complete irrelevance of the local dips for indicating a true dip. Similar difficulties occur all through the gulees, and neither Waagen, Wynne, nor Stoliczka ever attempted more in their sections than to arrange the various formations and beds like an irregular row of books on a shelf. Nor can I claim to have been much more successful, for the most I can say is that the northern half of this Nummulitic outcrop seems to be composed chiefly of the upper beds, whilst to the south of the 11th milestone (where the road passes to the east side of the ridge) there occur outcrops of the massive grey limestone as well. A band of pisolitic rock intervenes and afterwards appears again on the other side of the grey limestone at a point a short distance south of the  $10\frac{1}{2}$  milestone. Whilst this rock has a great resemblance to the Sabathu bottom-bed of the Nummulitic formation, it also is, I think, the equivalent of the coal-bearing sandstone of Hewson's. After a short interval of concretionary limestone (60 yards) a third more doubtful appearance of the same pisolitic band brings in grey limestone again, a mere fragment, and then dark



Nummulitic-bearing limestone sets in near the 10½ milestone. Then follow thin-bedded limestones, shales, etc., with innumerable badly-preserved fossils up to Changla proper, at the 10½ milestone, and thence on to the Changla Gulee dāk bungalow.

The whole of this line of section from Doonga Gulee to Changla is heavily wooded, and the watershed is so slender and steeply cut back in places by the side-streams that its instability and irregularity as regards dip is not to be wondered at.

We now come to a sub-zone of formations extending in width from Changla Gulee to Khaira Gulee. They shew  
 Section from: Chang- Nummulitic, Jurassic (southern type) and  
 la to Khaira Gulee. Triassic rocks, folded, refolded, and faulted, but all lying with a nearly uniform apparent dip to the northward at angles varying from 60° to 90°. Here, as before along this gulee road, there is very little to guide one except the single line of road cuttings, supplemented on the eastern side, however, by the exposures laid bare by the water-works road. Waagen's first paper on Hazara embraced this sub-zone of rocks, and it was here that he first recognised Triassic and Jurassic fossils.<sup>1</sup> To this paper and to that of Wynne<sup>2</sup> the reader may turn with advantage for local details.<sup>3</sup> The following notes are from my own traverse. The complicated nature of the section has prevented its representation on the map being more than diagrammatic. I have refrained from giving a drawn section here as before along this ridge, because I am convinced that faulting and slipping have taken place to such an extent and perhaps so recently that the jumble of formations laid bare along the road would very unfairly represent the proper anatomy of the Chumbi mountain and spurs. If ever an amateur geologist should come to be stationed at Changla or Khaira Gulee, he might spend several months round this lightning-scarred peak in unravelling as complicated a bit of hill geology as heart could wish.

1. Records, Geological Survey of India, Vol. V., Pt. 1, 1872, p. 15.

2. Ditto ditto, Vol. VII, Pt. 2, 1874, p. 71.

3. See also Stoliczka and Blanford, "Scientific results of the Second Yarkand Mission, pp. 9 and 10.

Changla Gulee, from which the section starts, is well known for its school of musketry, and as a half-way halting-place for travellers from Murree to Doonga or Nathia Gulee. Its great height, about 8,000 feet, and the steepness of the south-western face of the hill on which the dāk bungalow is perched like an eyrie, give us on a clear day a panorama over the country through an arc of  $180^{\circ}$  and extending far beyond the confines of Hazara. The Rawalpindi plateau looks like a great sea or archipelago out of which various strike-ridges, including the Chita pahar, carry on the structural features of Hazara as far as the Indus, whilst beyond that the hills of Kohat, the range of the Safed Kho and the mountains of Afghanistan hover high in the picture like clouds resting on the horizon. I regret that my poor diagram (Pl. 10) gives so bald and inadequate a representation of this wonderful view.

On a suitable day during the south-west monsoon the most marvellous transformation scenes take place. The moisture-laden winds impinging on the base of the ridges burst into churning masses of cloud, coloured most phantastically. Long before Changla feels the blast we may look down from the sunlit bungalow and see the storm-clouds develop in mixed masses of sulphur-yellow, dusky red, and deep indigo colours, the whole writhing with a low hissing sound as they advance.

The action of the atmospheric agencies on the crushed and crumbling rocks of the ridge must be intense; and the steady and rapid movement of soil-cap down hill is remarkably well indicated on slopes of over  $40^{\circ}$  by the straight stems of the conifers, all of which a yard or more from the ground curve in towards the slope like the bend of a golf club. I examined a large number of examples of this kind on steep slopes, and without knowing whether the matter has been remarked on before, it seems to me to be only explicable by the downward movement of soil-cap acting obliquely against the geotropism of the tree.

Apart from slow soil-cap movement, however, the rocks round about Changla and the whole of the gulee ridge shew abundant

evidence of instability, by landslips in the rains and snow-slides in the spring.

Returning to the section where I left it at Changla Gulee dāk bungalow, the following is the sequence in tabular form as far as Khaira Gulee. All the beds must be imagined as tilted up and dipping at an angle of from  $60^{\circ}$ — $90^{\circ}$  N.N.W. The figures after each bed indicate the width of the outcrops as passed along the road itself.

Jurassic.	(1) Nummulitic limestone and shale, much disturbed, with fossils and carbonaceous and ferruginous clay at base . . . . .	500 ft.
	(Here occurs a spring of water along a slip or fault.)	
	(2) Thin-bedded, splintery, buff-coloured shales and marly limestone . . . . .	50 "
	(3) Blue-grey, dark, flaggy limestone . . . . .	50 "
	(4) Limestone, irregularly bedded, with crushed car- bonaceous shaley layers . . . . .	40 "
	(5) Grey limestone crowded with obscure compacted shells, passing into (6) . . . . .	16 "
	(6) Brown earthy Gieumal sandstone . . . . .	45 "
	(7) Jet-black Spiti shales . . . . .	65 "
	(8) Repetition of (6), but darker and more trappoid . . . . .	50 "
	(Covered ground) . . . . .	45 "
	(9) Grey-coloured shales (Spiti ?) containing belem- nites and ammonites and with rolled black cherty pebbles at base . . . . .	20
	(10) Well-bedded finely oolitic limestone, Trias . . . . .	225
	(Here occurs another spring at the $9\frac{1}{2}$ milestone with a fault.)	
	(11) Nummulitic limestone and shales with coaly layer * underlaid by pisolitic earthy ferruginous band . . . . .	250
	(12) Jurassics repeated as in (2)—(8) and in same order. Bed (9) not visible . . . . .	200
	(13) Trias limestone as before (10) with fossils, ostrea, etc. (fault or slip ?) . . . . .	250
	(14) Gieumal sandstone, wall-like mass . . . . .	70
	(15) Trias limestone with annelid-like markings, strata vertical . . . . .	400
	(16) Gieumal sandstone . . . . .	40
	(17) Spiti shales . . . . .	5

Jurassics in inverted order.	(18) Trias limestone (repeated by folds ?)	. . . . .	450 ft.
	(19) Gieumal sandstone	. . . . .	50 "
	(20) Spiti shales	. . . . .	10 "
	(21) Gieumal sandstone	. . . . .	50 "
	(22) Buff-coloured splintery shales and marly limestone as (2)	. . . . .	50 "
	(23) Nummulitic limestones and shales with ferruginous shale at top, the series becoming vertical at Khaira Gulee. Probably inverted with the Jurassics above	375 "	

(Khaira Gulee.)

On the road, now disused, which passes round the eastern face of the Chumbi peak between Changla and Khaira, and also on the water-works road which lies a little below it, I had no difficulty in recognising each of the series as given above, each in its normal position with due regard to the normal strike. The following plan (fig. 22) numbered as in the section above will help the understanding of the surface arrangement of the rocks. It will be seen to differ in its regularity of details from Wynne's map (Rec. G. S. of India, Vol. VII, pt. 2, 1894).

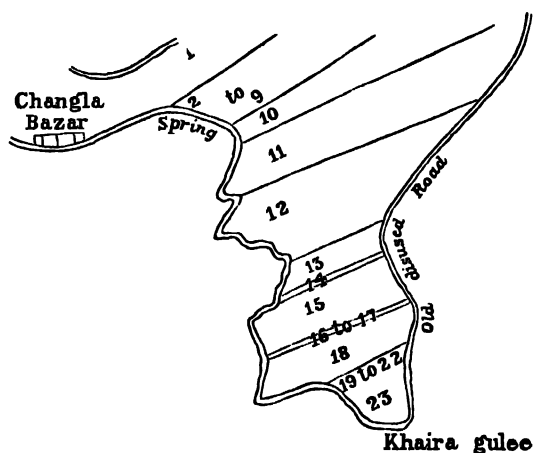


Fig. 22.

Along the eastern road Hira Lal subsequently obtained a large number of belemnites and ammonites from the Jurassics, but their

crushed and broken nature rendered their specific identification almost impossible. Hira Lal was also able to trace the several out-crops in a general way down from the eastern road to the spur going east from Changla towards Malkot.

Crossing this spur obliquely the Jura-Triassic sub-zone was observed to take an E.N.E. direction to Kalaban, whence it runs north and south, in the former direction to join up with the great Trias limestone band forming the eastern base of Moorchoori, and in the latter to continue for a short way as far as Malkot.

The section west of Kharala and Rumkot was worked out by Edwards in a traverse up the hill-side from the latter place, whence he followed round the junction of Trias and Spiti shales, etc., at the head of the stream west of the "R" of Riyaluh to the spur descending south-west to Kharala.

The section up the Khun spur was traversed by Hira Lal. The top of the Trias shewed clearly the unconformable position of the Spiti shales above. Spiti shales and Gieumal sandstone were seen in normal order south-west above Malkot, whilst the village of Khun on the top of the spur was found to be in the Nummulitic rocks.

South-east of the "I" of Malkot the hill spurs which are very steep and débris-covered indicate only imperfectly the way in which the Trias finally ends in this direction.

From the eastern slopes of the great Moorchoori mass to the neighbourhood of Malkot and thence to Deria Gulce, the eastern and south-eastern boundary of the Nummulitic zone is a regularly sweeping curve of fault that will be referred to when the upper Tertiary zone is described (see p. 223). Where the Kuldana beds intervene Nature has done the geological mapping of this boundary herself, by means of the brightly coloured red shales of the Upper Tertiaries which follow the upper reaches of the Kaneir (Kanair) N.

Continuation of Jura-Triassic band E.N.E.  
Eastern and south-eastern boundary of Nummulitic zone here.

The last of the gulee sections from Khaira to Deria Gulee<sup>1</sup> is entirely over Nummulitic limestone and Kuldana beds. This has been described by Waagen and by Wynne in the papers last quoted. Between Khaira Gulee and Barean Gulee<sup>2</sup> the Nummulitic limestone, nodular and concretionary-tabular, and full of fossils, dips at first north-west, and after  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile the dip changes over to the south-east, at which it practically rests the whole way to Barean Gulee. At the latter place grey shales appear.

The red zone of Kuldana beds south-east of Barean Gulee is well marked, and its continuation north-east can be followed by the eye across the ravine to the spur east of Khaira Gulee.

Nummulitic limestone with varied dip, generally in towards the hill, continues the rest of the way to Deria Gulee.

The whole section along the gulee watershed over which we have now gone is singularly illustrative, even in its defects and uncertainties, of the ordinary structure of a typical Himalayan mountain zone taken along one line of country. Regarded apart from everything else, it might stand as a life-long puzzle to the bewildered geologist, and the latter might be excused if he were tempted to regard the strata as having been dexterously shuffled into one another like a pack of cards and then laid edgewise. It is only by a comparative study of other parallel sections such as those now to be described to the west that a glimpse of how this shuffling was effected can be obtained.

(2) *Sections explanatory of horizontal section No. 3 from near Sujkot to Dhar.*

This line of section follows that of the old road from Abbottabad to Murree. At Deewal, and along the little elevated alluvial basin between it and Sujkot the

Section from Sujkot to the Hurroh R.

<sup>1</sup> Deria Gulee is due west of the "K" of Khani Tak.

<sup>2</sup> Barean Gulee is N.E. of the word Dhara on the ridge.

Slate series lies next the limestones and shales of the Nummulitic zone, just as we found it to do at Kalabagh, whilst the inferential boundary fault between the two partakes also of the nature of a great dislocation, though its plane here would appear to be either vertical or with hade to the downthrow. The line of the fault is not marked by any great and sudden change in the configuration of the country. Indeed the change comes on one almost unawares as we pass from the thin-bedded sometimes grey slates to the thin-bedded shales of the Nummulitics. I need scarcely say that the change really is enormous, as is evident at once when fresh unweathered fragments of each formation are taken for examination, but superficially there is just sufficient resemblance to make one recall the observations of other geologists further west who have found the Nummulitics passing into a metamorphic rock in the neighbourhood of igneous intrusions. In case, however, I have raised a spectre of doubt in the reader's mind, let him but remember the included blocks of the Slate series in the Infra-Trias conglomerate of Sirbau, and go on in confidence.

A little before reaching Sujkot the change into the Eocene strata full of fossils is well effected, and as we trample the Nummulitic hosts under foot we mentally remark that as road metal, on a particularly ill-kept road, nothing could be worse. Roads in Hazara, it may be remarked, are either good or bad, the former are part of the system of frontier strategy, the latter are *pro bono publico*. Ridge and hollow of limestone and shale respectively strike like parallel wave crests from Sujkot towards Naruh. Further along the road as it follows the winding and ever-steepening defile, carved as if along fissures through the rock, the precipices shew the varied contortion represented in Hor. section No. 3. All the time, in spite of the general tendency to dip to the S.S.E., we are descending in the series. The defile becomes steeper, and the stream makes a fall over an inverted limb of a rock-fold. It next joins the Samoondar N. from Kalabagh, and with added volume and more precipitous sides it now cuts straight across the strike of the harder and more massive

Nummulitic limestone. The road takes us under the Bulkot (6,103 feet) crags, of which we can see nothing owing to their steep angle; but opposite us their exact counterpart is laid bare on the Kagian side of the ravine in a wonderfully fine section. The strata of the north face of the summit of that hill are dipping normally, but lower down the dip steepens to the vertical and then becomes inverted in a long, straight, steady inversion down into the ravine as far as we can look. In horizontal section No. 3 this structure is seen forming the mass of Bulkot summit.

Due west of Kagian we pass a bed of brownish pisolitic iron ore (the equivalent of the coal-bearing sandstone) 6 feet thick; and beyond this grey unfossiliferous limestone.

West-south-west of Kagian dark-brown sandstones (Gieumal) are seen in a bad exposure followed by Spiti shales lying unconformably on an undulating Trias platform. Over on the opposite rock face Kagian village lies on the Spiti shales, and the latter are wrapped up in some fine contortions of the Trias platform represented in horizontal section No. 3 at the point marked *a*.

The road section is now undefined and uncertain, but a sharply cut-back ravine on the south-east face of Bulkot gives us the key to the rest of the section down to the Hurroh R. This is represented in the horizontal section by the varied folds south of the letter *a*. Every detail of this pretty bit of folding is made plain.

The sequence below the "k" of Dukun is as follows :—

Grey limestone	. . . . .	200—300 feet.
Cretaceous (highly fossiliferous)	. . . . .	8 inches.
Ditto (less fossiliferous)	. . . . .	4 feet.
Gieumal sandstone	. . . . .	20—30 "
Trias limestone (base unexposed).		

We have now reached the "longitudinal" valley of the Hurroh, carrying a small stream (in the dry season) easily crossed on foot.



It is hardly necessary to draw attention to the fact that in traversing the Bulkot mass we have passed through the heart of a section equivalent to that from Kalabagh to Koonja Gulee ; and it will be readily understood from the way the dip varies as the core of the ridge is approached how risky would have been the construction of a section out of the surface indications supplied by the gulee ridge exposures.

In a north-easterly direction the Trias and Jura-Cretaceous beds exposed in the above section continue along the same ridge. Parallel sections in the bed of the Hurroh and eventually join up with the same beds observed descending from the western slopes of Kamur. No good exposures there were visited by us. To the south-west, however, the northern side of the Hurroh valley is rich in numbers of beautiful exposures, the Cretaceous band being particularly finely represented. The Trias platform sometimes projects a long way out from the hill-side as represented below fig. 23, and having a

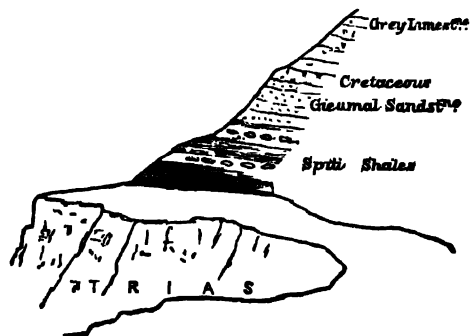


Fig. No. 23.

are inverted at the surface so that they climb up the hill-spurs instead of the ravines.

moderate dip at the surface, the outcrops V up the stream-beds and sometimes as near Dukkun and Gou-ruh display complex folding towards the heart of the ridge.

Beyond Sutturuh under the crags of Balkooh the lie has changed and the Trias and Jura-Cretaceous

Particularly beautiful is the aspect of the Cretaceous band, with its black fossils standing out in relief on the pale orange coloured lime-

stone roughly depicted, fig. 24. Both it and the Jurassics can be followed mile after mile along the hill-sides in a perfectly continuous exposure.<sup>1</sup>

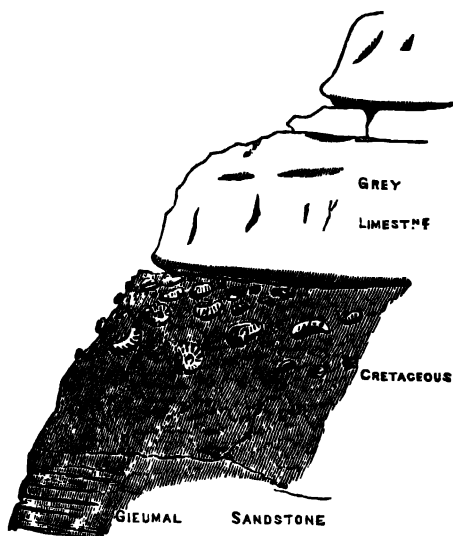


Fig. 24.

As regards the Nummulitics of the ridge, sections south-east of Naruh show numbers of parallel scarps and little valleys, the former being uncultivated bare rough limestone, and the latter excavated along the shaley layers and furnishing a scanty soil for cultivation. These undulating waves of hard and soft rock

give way at the crest of the ridge to a steep rough descent over tumbled blocks of limestone down to the Jura-Cretaceous horizon. At Naruh, on the northern side of the Nummulitic zone, there is a certain amount of grey limestone exposed, but generally along the boundary fault between the Nummulitic and Slate zones the opposition of uppermost Nummulitics against slates is as complete an indication of the magnitude of the dislocation as could be wished.

South-west of Sutturuh the sections across the ridge become complicated by the Trias dividing into two bands with a long inlier of Jura-Cretaceous and Nummulitic limestone wedged in between them. The section north-west and south-east of Chinjah shews this in ill-exposed forest-covered hill-sides. A better section is given from near Jubriyan *viâ* Lussun to the main ridge south-west of Balkooh; but even here the working out of the structure of the higher parts is rendered difficult by the dense small forest.

<sup>1</sup> It has always been a puzzle to me why on Wynne's map the Jura-Cretaceous band along this line of country is omitted.

Fig. 25 below gives the structure along this line.

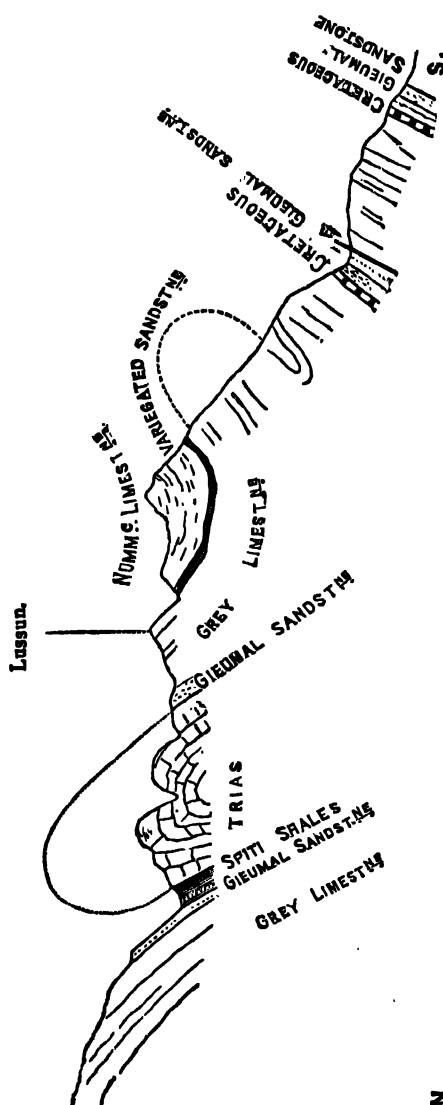


Fig. 25.

With regard to it, the chief point of interest is the exposure of Cretaceous rocks at Jubriyan, from which the better part of the collection of Cretaceous fossils was made by Hira Lal and myself. The rock is abundantly exposed in the low hills to the north of the village, and its more disintegrated state at one point enabled us to secure some fair specimens. The northern of the two bands of Trias, shewn as a lying anticlinal in the sketch section, dies out a little further to the west-south-west. As regards the southern band it is difficult to say what becomes of it under the dense forest-covered slopes of Doobran, but it seems also to die out there in some way. The Trias band below Jubriyan is a third band beginning at Jubriyan. It will be mentioned again later.

For the present we have gone as far aside from our main line of section represented in horizontal section

No. 3 as it is prudent to do, and we must now return to it where we left at the ascent of the hill-side to Maree.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This place must not be confounded with Murree, although both names in the Hunterian system would be written Mari.

Beginning in the river-bed we may note the presence of high river-  
Section across the Maree ridge to Nugree. gravel cliffs forming plateaux and bracket-like terraces, stuck on to the great and steep convex slopes which descend to the river. Their average height above the river-bed is here about 500 feet.

The hill-side up to Maree is an exceedingly steep climb up a zigzag, which here and there shews signs of having once been a bridle-road. It is broken into fine crags and ledges and is generally forest-covered.

Nummulitic limestone is first met with after leaving the pebbly bed of the Hurroh, so a fault is indicated along the valley, a direct continuation of that south of Kamur in the gulee sections. Up to Maree we then ascend an inverted but badly exposed section to the Trias, which latter forms a thin band near Maree bungalow. This thin band cut off by a fault to the south dies out in a north-easterly direction, presumably near Noushuhruh (its dying out was not traced by us) since it makes no appearance in the gulee sections. In the other direction it becomes thinner and less noticeable, as shewn by sections further south-west, until it also dies out, leaving the Jurassic band to carry on the same line of flexure down the lower parts of the valley of the Hurroh.

As regards the beds between the Trias and Nummulitic below Maree, it is a remarkable fact, already alluded to when describing the stratigraphical elements, that no trace of the Cretaceous band was found. Gieumal sandstone and Spiti shales with the belemnite bed are present, but poorly displayed in broken outcrops.

Beyond Maree, Nummulitic limestone extends to the top of the main ridge, and we then descend the other side towards Nugree for some way in the same. Horizontal section No. 3 will shew the order of succession down this slope. Nothing need be remarked about the Trias limestone, but the northern of the two exposures of Jurassics are detailed below. It will be seen to be in many ways similar to

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that exposed along the continuation of the same outcrop south of Changla Gulee :--

- (1) Nummulitic limestone.
- (2) Sandstone variegated with pisolitic-iron bed.
- (3) Thin-bedded grey limestone (small fault)\*
- (4) Thin-bedded buff-coloured marley limestone, nodular limestone, grey and drab, full of compacted shells (passage-beds).
- (5) Spiti shales and Gieumal sandstone in several alternations and inter-beddings.
- (6) Trias limestone.

As Nugree is reached, a fault, dying out to the north-east and becoming more marked to the south-west, parts the last outcrop of the Trias from the great expanse of Nummulitic strata with enfolded lines of Kuldana beds which next sets in.

Want of space must make me condense the account of the parallel sections found in a north-east and south-west direction. Fig. 26, below, gives a section from the 6,545 feet hill through Hothla to the stream-bed below Seer.

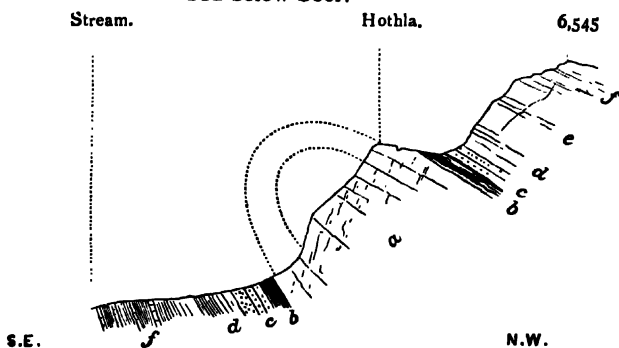
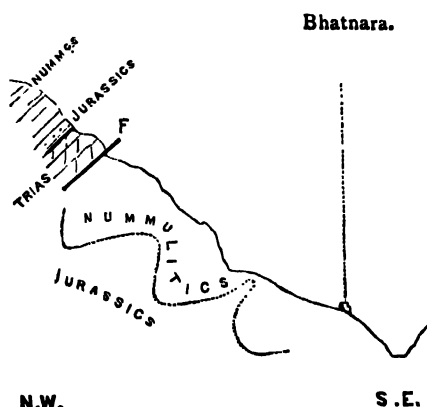


Fig. 26.

- a = Trias limestone.
- b = Spiti shales.
- c = Gieumal sandstone.
- d = Thin-bedded buff-coloured calcareous shales.
- e = Grey limestone.
- f = Nummulitic limestone and shales.

Beyond that up the little valley near Bhatnara in a *cul de sac* with the steep ascent to Changla above, the Jurassics (south-eastern band) splay out over the hill-side shewing great quantities of Gieumal sandstone for a while, until the glen closes in still more, and the south-east band of the Jurassics vanishes under a covering of

Nummulitics, as drawn Fig. 27, and the section coincides with the Changla section.

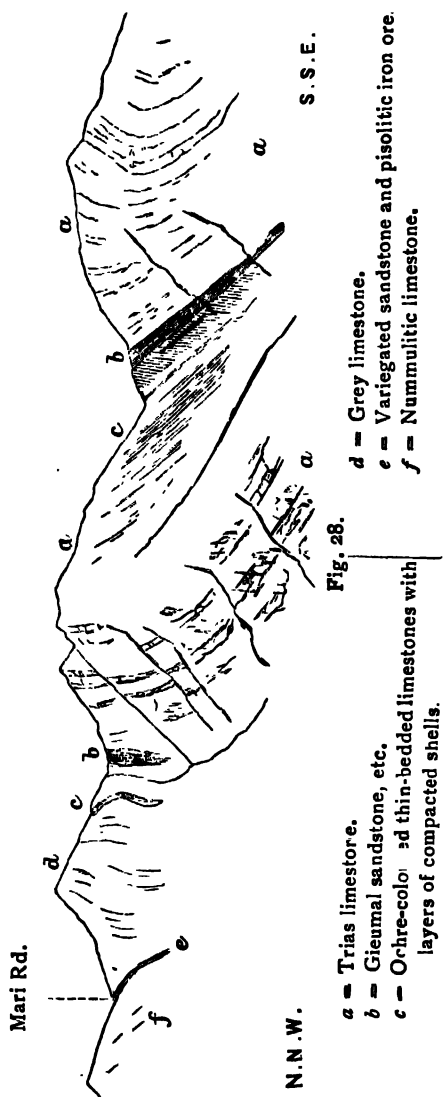


Towards the south-west the doubled Jura-Triassic bands continue in regular order from near Nugree for about 6 miles. The section through them as seen south-east of the ridge above Chinali from north-west to south-east is as follows :—

Fig. 27.

- (1) Nummulitic limestone.
- (2) Variegated sandstone with pisolitic-iron ore.
- (3) Grey limestone, 100—150 feet, passing into
- (4) Thin-bedded buff-coloured shaley limestone with chrome-coloured bands.
- (5) Thin-bedded ochre and grey concretionary limestones with compacted shelly layers, passing into and interbedding with
- (6) Gieumal sandstone, 60 feet.
- (7) Grey shales with Belemnites (sudden change).
- (8) Trias limestone, 300 feet (fault).
- (9) Repetition of (5) and (6).
- (10) Jet-black Spiti shales with iron-stained bottom-bed, 40—60 feet (uneven surface).
- (11) Trias repeated as (8).

The appearance of the section along the hill-spurs to the east is



as shewn Fig. 28 drawn in perspective from north-west of Chinali village. The apparent dip must not be confounded with the true dip, which is nearly vertical, but waving.

A very similar section is found along the path from Loruh to Trimun; but south-west of this a change takes place; the southern Trias band continues intact to Hullee and beyond, but the northern band vanishes under undulating folds of the Jurassics which, over a large area near Maira and south of Rahee, are badly exposed in rough and complicated country.

Uniformly in all these parallel sections illustrative of the structure of the long hill-range above Nugree, there is a complete absence of the Cretaceous band. All endeavours to fix it among some one or other of the chrome-coloured bands failed, for not a single characteristic fossil, so profuse on the other side of the Hurroh R., was detected. On the other hand, the incoming of a calcareous element among the Gieumal sandstone, and the development of a zone of compacted shelly limestones and buff-coloured thin-bedded shaly limestones further shew that

important changes in this southern band of the Jurassics have been effected.

Returning once more to the main line of horizontal section No. 3, we find the great Nummulitic formation extending the rest of the way from Nugree to Dhar, and only broken by two thin bands of the Kuldana beds. The main line of section crosses the south-west spur of Bhumkot, 7,028 feet, at Liran, but behind it I have introduced the more comprehensive section as it crosses Bhumkot itself. Viewed from near Loruh with the early morning light playing on Bhumkot's rugged and bare slopes, the anatomy of the hill comes out very distinctly. The details in the horizontal section are introduced from a drawing made under those circumstances which, considering the distance of the point of view, may be taken as practically free from errors of perspective.

A peculiar feature in the section is the two more or less broken bands of Kuldana rocks which run like red streaks over hill and hollow. In some cases the amount of gypsum associated with them is considerable. On the "S." of Seer in the Nugree valley the gypsum is about 100 feet thick, the apparent dip of the bands being 60° N.W. The section was—

- (1) Nummulitic limestone.
- (2) Banded grey and white gypsum . . . . 40 feet.
- (3) Gypsum and little red clay |. . . . 20 „
- (4) Repetition of (2) and (1).

In other localities, as south-west of Loruh, purplish and green shales with banded white and grey gypsum and calcite veins, and sometimes with hard compact quartzose beds, make up the band. About the "D" of Dharec Keyaluh in the stream-bed close to the gypsum of the above band, a spring issues from the Nummulitic limestone giving off sulphuretted hydrogen and depositing sulphur among the weeds in the stream-bed. The limestone in the vicinity, and also the bands of gypsum and clay, are much twisted. Lenticular patches of limestone are sometimes veined with gypsum.



Again on the "m" of Kurum a section 80 feet thick in these beds shews alternations of dark reddish-purple shales, or hardened clays, and fine sandy purple conglomerates.

A little behind the line of section and south of Seer there is a faulted-in narrow wedge of Jura-Triassic rocks, which crosses obliquely the two lower bifurcations of the ridge-spur descending from Changla Gulee, and expands towards the higher slopes of Chumbi into the complicated section between Changla and Khaira described before (p. 192).

The only other interruption to the monotonous Nummulitic limestone spurs and ridges in the section is that of the gravel terraces. Their last appearance upstream is near Nugree. Between Loruh and Nugree the pathway follows the Hurroh river-bed, and we pass continually under the almost vertically-cut cliffs, 200—300 feet high, of compacted gravels or rolled boulders, chiefly of limestone.

Viewed comprehensively, the line along which our present section has gone, and the parallel sections introduced in expansion of the same, are such as possess the great redeeming feature of being easily understood in their main structural components. Running as they do across strike ridges and ravines, which mount up to or tap the gulee watershed, they offer keys for the easy solution of the perplexing questions of structure and arrangement found along that watershed.

(3) *Sections explanatory of horizontal section No. 4, from Jub to Sydpoor.*

The great regularity of feature and structure possessed by the Nummulitic zone enables one to pass at once from horizontal section No. 3 to horizontal section No. 4, which lies almost at the other end of the zone. In describing No. 4, the same method will be observed as before of comparing different parts of the section with parallel sections, thus linking it up with No. 3.

The section noted in the margin corresponds to that portion of  
 Section from Jub to No. 3 from Sujkot to the Hurroh R. Like it,  
 the Hurroh R. also, the line of country follows a transverse  
 gorge cut through the Nummulitic limestone for the greater part of  
 the way. Near Jub, the northern boundary fault of the zone divides  
 it sharply as usual from the slates and accompanying limestone  
 bands of the Lunguryal type. The Nummulitic limestones are at first  
 of the nodular or concretionary kind and associated with shales.  
 They are folded in a number of small flexures, and carry with them  
 a disjunct band of the Kuldana red beds.

Below Riala village, the previously open valley closes in between  
 precipitous walls, and the water of the stream drops over smooth  
 surfaces of limestone in a series of falls: a journey up or down which  
 is beyond the compass of ordinary booted mortals. The falls are  
 situated along the north-north-west reach of the stream across the  
 line of the ridge from the "P" of Kohala Paen. (The horizontal  
 section just here crosses that ridge.) Below this, the stream vanishes  
 down fissures in the limestone, and the rest of the way to the Hurroh  
 is along a dry boulder-strewn bed, bereft of its torrent, with a width  
 of only a few yards, and with walls of rock rising at angles of  
 $70^{\circ}$ — $80^{\circ}$  from it. This gloomy chasm is only visited by the sun's rays  
 occasionally, and one may wander down it in complete ignorance of  
 one's whereabouts, for long periods together. The natives say it  
 reminds them of Afghanistan. Through the lower part of this gorge  
 there is represented a type of the Nummulitic limestone, which has  
 hitherto been wanting. The beds become of a dark grey and are  
 slightly sandy in places. They are well-bedded and dip the whole  
 way north-north-west at extremely steep angles  $70^{\circ}$ — $80^{\circ}$ . In spite  
 of this steepness of the angle of dip along the dry torrent-bed, it is  
 plain from occasional glimpses obtained of the hills above, that the  
 beds spread out above and lie at a lower angle. The horizontal  
 section illustrates this.

As we near Jiroo on the Hurroh river, well-bedded typical Trias  
 limestone comes in beneath the Nummulitics, but the Jura-Cretaceous

rocks are hidden by an obscurity. They are inserted in the section from evidence close by.

Nature has provided two parallel and similar lines of section to the one just described. The first of these is a transverse gorge passing between the Chujjian and Sribang hills, and the second a transverse gorge passing between the Sribang and the Doobran hills. That to the north-east of Doobran has already been mentioned. The intervening hills are great heavily-built masses, so evidently but parts of one uniform ridge trending towards Balkooh and Bulkot, that the dividing gorges may easily be overlooked. This ridge rises from the Hurroh river to about 3,000 feet above it, in great convex slopes steepening downwards.

The first of these transverse gorges begins near Chujjiyan village or Chothai, and is a scarcely noticeable stream at first, draining a flat cultivated open valley in the upper Nummulitic shales and concretionary limestones. But about half a mile below Chothai it suddenly leaps over a nearly vertically dipping slab of limestone in a fall of about 150 feet. The section then proceeds down a gorge or chasm almost as shut-in as that of Riala. From Chothai village the section is as follows:—

- (1) Nummulitic limestones and shales.
- (2) Grey limestone, well-bedded . . . . 100 feet.
- (Waterfall.)
- (3) Dark-grey sandy limestone . . . . 50 "
- (4) Dark and pale grey limestone, sometimes rather sandy . . . . 350—400 "
- (5) Dark-grey sandy limestone as (3) . . . . 50 "
- (6) Dark and pale limestone as (4) . . . . 200 "
- (7) Cretaceous.
- (8) Jurassic.
- (9) Triassic.
- (10) Repetition of (3) and (4).

In the above section, somewhere about the junction between (4) and (5), fragments of the Jura-Cretaceous rocks were found, so there

is probably a fault near that line repeating the section to the south. The apparent dip is north-north-west all through the gorge, being nearly vertical along the stream-bed, and  $40^{\circ}$ — $50^{\circ}$  on the Sribang ridge above. The beds curve downwards therefore in a fine arc.

The section down the next gorge from near Lunguryal to Pina, on the Hurroh, is a more perfect one, and it displays the repetition of the sequence better. It is—

(1) Uppermost Nummulitic concretionary limestone and shales, and a few marls full of fossils.

(2) Dark and light grey limestone interbedded with dark sandy limestone, slightly concretionary in upper part, well bedded in lower part. Fossiliferous.

(3) Cretaceous . . . . . 4 feet.

(4) Gieumal sandstone . . . . . 20 "

(5) Trias . . . . . 100 "

. (Fault.)

(6) Repetition of (2).

(7) Repetition of (3) and (4).

(Fault.)

(8) Repetition of (2).

(9) Repetition of (4).

(10) Repetition of (5).

The whole of the beds, with the exception of 8, are dipping as in the last section. No. 8 shows a rolling dip.

I need not stay to describe the intervening sections up the hill-slopes, which possess the same general arrangement of the beds, but with less clearness, and with surface irregularities.

In a south-westerly direction from the figured section No. 4, the Janomar hill, 4,387 feet, carries on the structure of the hill-range. The comparatively wide valley which runs between it and the Serh hill, 4,005 feet, north of Khanpoor, shews the free edges of the beds in that direction. As a summary of various traverses across it and

round its base I give below in fig. 29 a rough profile outline of the hill as seen from Serh and a section across the summit in fig. 30.

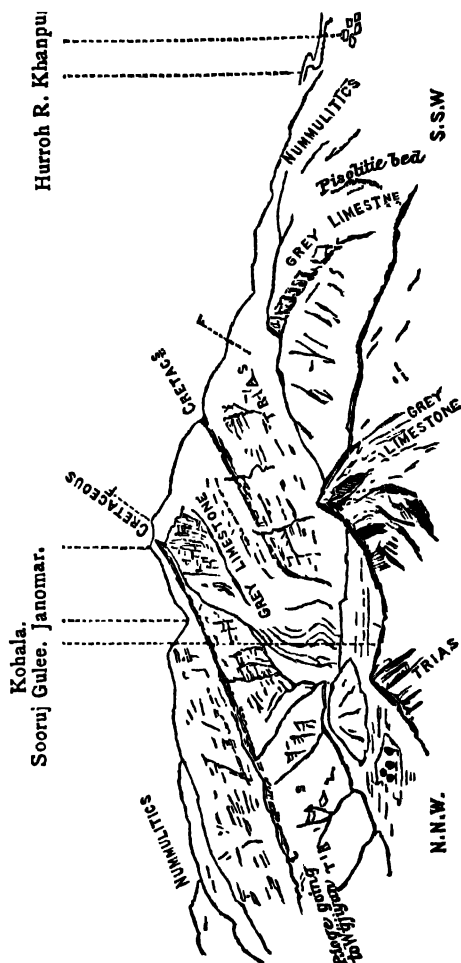


Fig. 29.

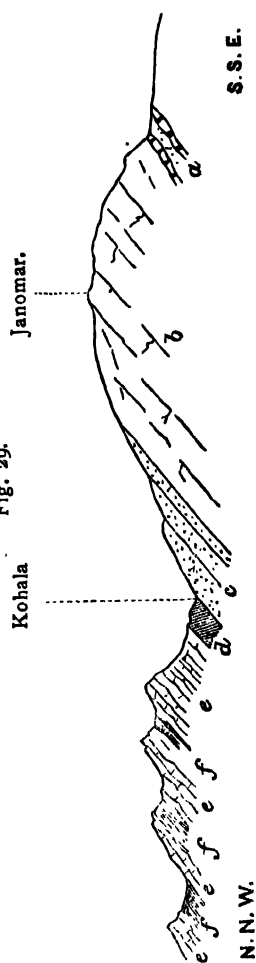


Fig. 30.

- f. Pale ochre shales and marls.
- e. Pale-grey concretionary Nummulitic limestone.
- d. Pisolithic iron-ore . . . . . 4 feet.
- c. Sandy limestone weathering dark . . . . .
- b. Dark and light grey limestone sometimes pinkish and } 150-200 "
- with nests of calcite . . . . .
- a. Brownish and yellow sandy limestone with cretaceous fossils, in two or three thin beds.

In the above section the complete absence of Spiti shales, and the shadowy representation of the Gieumal sandstone, are peculiarities which render the tracing of them, and of the boundary between the Trias and Grey limestone, a difficult matter.

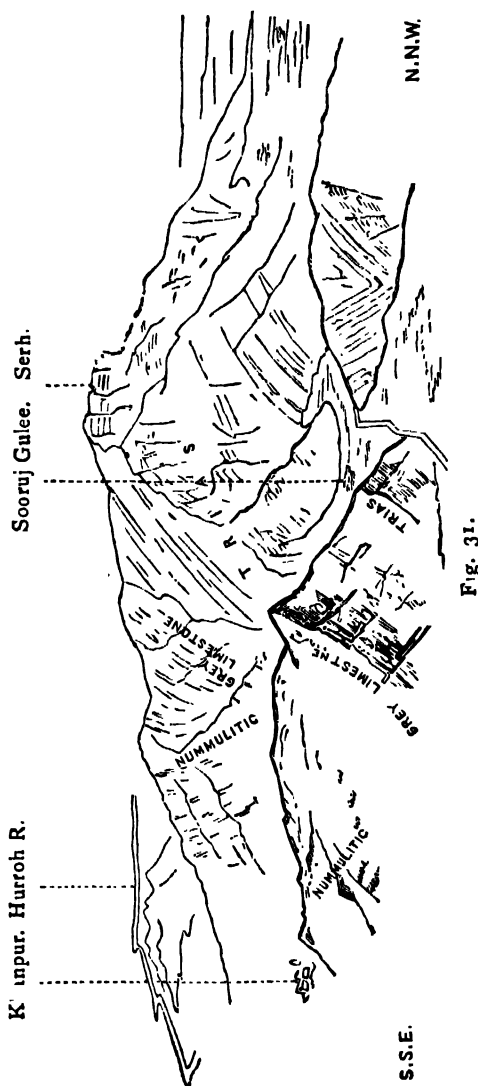


Fig. 31.

The Serh hill has little of interest attaching to it. The junction in this case between the Trias and Nummulitics appears to be a fault, but that face of the hill is so covered with brushwood and thorny jungle that the absence of the Jura-Cretaceous could not be determined every where. Fig. 31 gives a view of this hill from the summit of Janomar.

Both the Serh and Janomar hills absorb all the rain which falls on to them, and they are now completely destitute of streams or torrents flowing down the deserted channels.

Returning now to the main line of horizontal section No. 4, on the southern side of the Hurroh river, we find it takes us over the summit of the double-peaked Shah Kabul hill, 4,440 feet. This part of the section corresponds to that across the Maree ridge, and, as was the case there, the Cretaceous band is absent, and the Jurassics have the limestone beds developed in their upper layers. The section and map together will sufficiently illustrate the structure of the hill, and it only remains to mention that the peculiar dying out of the Trias bands to the west-south-west is due to the rather sudden extinction of the folded anticlinals in that direction, which sink beneath the Khanpoor plain. Between Dhartyan and the northern spurs of Shah Kabul, the Jurassics give the following section in inverted order:—

Section from the Hurroh river across the Shah Kabul hill to the Nalan river.

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| (4) Grey and buff-coloured limestone, thin-bedded     | . 60 feet. |
| (5) Ochre and grey compacted shelly nodular limestone |            |
| in sandy matrix . . . . .                             | 10 "       |
| (6) Brown and reddish Gieumal sandstone . . . . .     | 80 "       |
| (7) Trias limestone.                                  |            |

In the above the absence of any of the Spiti shales is noticeable.

Along the Hurroh river-bed another thin line of Jurassics is of some interest, as in it, near Pina, Hira Lal pointed out to me an exposure of coal in a ferruginous band beneath the Nummulitics. In this section also the Grey limestone beneath the coal passes down into the thin-bedded buff-coloured limestones, equivalents of No. 4 in the section above.

To the north-east of Shah Kabul hill the three bands of Trias become two, and then proceed regularly towards the neighbourhood of Hullee, where it will now be necessary to give a section. Fig. 32 below is drawn through the hill-mass from near the Hurroh R. to Hullee. In it all the beds are

Parallel sections to the north-east.

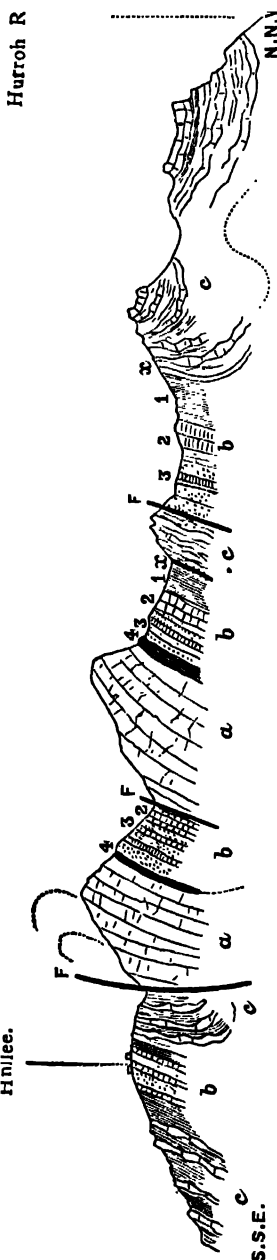


Fig. 32.

a = Trias.  
 b = Jurassics  
 { 1 Thin-bedded buff shaley limestone:  
 2 Compacted shelly limestone.  
 c = Nummulitic limestone and shales with p. solitic iron-ore.  
 { 3 Gieumal sandstone  
 4 Spiti shales.

good development, and the following typical vertical section through them may be deduced:—

- (1) Nummulitic limestone.
- (2) Ferruginous bands = pisolitic iron-ore 1 foot.
- (3) Buff-coloured thin-bedded, shaley limestones . . . . . 100 feet.
- (4) Compacted shelly limestone . . . 50 ,,  
(passing into)
- (5) Interbeddings of (3) and Gieumal sandstone . . . . . 60 ,,
- (6) Gieumal sandstone with two or three thin calcareous layers of *Trigonia* 80 ,,
- Black shaley sandstone and black shales—Spiti shales . . . . . 5-15 ,,
- Trias limestone, exposed for . . . 300 ,,

Horizontal section No. 4, to which we

Section from near now return, skips Bukka to Sydpoor. the short stretch of

country between the Nalan and Bukka village. This line, through a failure of arrangements, was not actually crossed by any of my party. A similar line further to the north-east was, however, crossed near Bhagpoor Dheree and Nurotur. South-east of Bukka, across the rather flat valley in which Talhar lies, and over the final ridge to Sydpoor, the hill structure, though a little complicated, can be understood by reference to the section. The undulating folds of the Jubbi-Gerani ridge, and the sharply refolded strata on the hill-spur near Sydpoor, are particularly well seen. This brings us to the south-eastern edge of the Nummulitic zone which here overlooks the Rawalpindi plateau.



We have now but to note a few parallel sections illustrating the unity of the last part of the section with that described south-east of Nugree and its extension west-south-west to the Margalla pass.

Between Hullee and Cheran peak to the south, a rough little watershed runs, parting streams in two directions which reach the Hurroh at different points. The path leads by Choorā and Sangrari. This line of country shewed that it exactly corresponds to the part of the zone near Loruh and to that between Khaira Gulee and Kuldana. Nummulitic limestone of most characteristic aspect, together with shales, cover the whole area with the exception of the little gulee between the two longitudinal flat valleys on each side of Sari Syadan. At these places bands of the Kuldana rocks pass, the former joining up in a broken chain with the Loruh band, and extending in the opposite direction at least as far as Bhagpoor Dherce, the latter having no visible continuation for a great distance.

At Mukhniyal also a band of Jurassics starts and connects up with that in horizontal section No. 4, near Talhar.

Over all these Nummulitic hills the Chir pine is conspicuous along the ridges, and two kinds of oak are found in the sheltered hollows. Khair, various figs, Kao, Kangar, Phullai, etc., are also to be found; but the usual undergrowth of Sumbal, Sunhatta, Kokhri, etc., is not so very marked just here, although the south side of the long ridge on which Cheran is placed is a dense and tangled mass of those shrubs.

The last-mentioned long ridge is here the most southern of the hill ranges of Hazara, and its long unbroken and regular crest and jungle-covered slopes, rise straightly and suddenly from the comparatively level Rawalpindi plateau. The Jurassics which shew in the sharply contorted side-spur near Sydpoor continue to the north-east for some 9 miles, shewing themselves at the foot of the thorny hill-spurs and being traceable by their brown colour and Trigoinæ bed up into the intervening water-courses. At Shah Darah they vanish by the extinction of the folds.

Sections north-east  
and south-west of  
Sydpoor.

A little east-north-east of Shah-ki-Noorpoor a still more southern parallel range of Nummulitic limestone gradually rises from the plateau, and after extending for some 9 or 10 miles, dies out again. Between it and the greater ridge behind it a narrow band of the Kuldanas starts near Shah-ki-Noorpoor, expands at Shah Darah for a short way, and then becomes of the usual disjointed nature as it keeps its regular line to join up with the typical Kuldana beds of Clifden and Kuldana cross-roads.

To the south-west of Sydpoor the next four or five side ravines all shew exposures of the Jurassics in much the same sort of complicated position as at Sydpoor, whilst beyond that the Jurassics continue as a narrow band to Sha-ala-Ditta to the Margalla pass (just outside Hazara) and doubtless beyond.

At Sha-ala-Ditta the following section is well exposed :—

(1) Nummulitic limestone.	
(2) Iron-stone, brown and red . . . . .	5 feet.
(3) Bands of chrome-coloured limestone with compacted shells and interbedded with calcareous sandstones containing Trigonizæ . . . . .	30 „
(4) Gieumal sandstone . . . . .	10 „
(5) Pale grey limestone . . . . .	5 „
(6) Chrome-coloured limestone with thin beds of grey limestone, and with two compacted shelly layers . . . . .	50 „
(7) Dark purple-grey limestone blotched with ochre patches . . . . .	20 „
(Fault.)	
(8) Murree sandstones.	

At the Margalla pass where the grand trunk road passes towards Attock, and where the railway tunnels through the low divide, the Trigonizæ beds are well seen, but the sequence of the individual stages is not so well seen as at Sha-ala-Ditta.

Fig. 33 below shews the peculiar contortion of the strata at the pass.

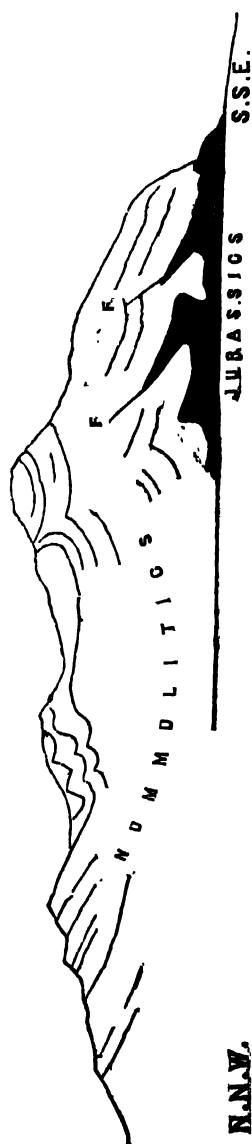


Fig. 33.

The continuation of the Mukhinyal and Talhar band of Jurassics is seen near Khoorum at the south-west extremity of the map. The section there is—

- (1) Grey slightly concretionary Nummulitic limestone.
- (2) Thin-bedded shaley grey limestone . 50 feet.
- (3) Dark rusty-yellow sandy limestone with a few imperfect shells . . . 15 "
- (4) Pale and dark chrome well-bedded sandy limestones full of fossils, chiefly *Trigonia* . . . . . 30 "
- (5) Gieumal sandstone . . . . . 5 "  
(ground covered by débris).
- (6) Ochre and rusty-brown also grey dappled with chrome-coloured limestones with lines of comminuted shells . . . 100 "

The beds No. (6) in this section and likewise No. 7 in the section at Sha-ala-Ditta may either be Jurassic, or, as is not improbable, Triassic. In the latter case the complete absence of Spiti shales and all trace of unconformability may suggest a passage here between Trias and Jurassic.

Wynne in his map inserts a band of Jura-Triassic rocks to the south of the little gap on the word Turmukki. I was unable to find any sign of this, only a trace of Kuldana rocks there and a small outcrop of Jurassics east of Toong, 3,629 feet.

Near Khoorum and Shah-ki-Dheri the level of the country has sunk to very insignificant heights, and the parallel gentle folds of

the Nummulitic limestone have become smaller and more and more insignificant as the Margalla pass is reached.

At that place there is but one single scarp for the trunk road to surmount, so that the term "pass" must be understood more in a

military sense, as an important point on a line of communication, than in a mountaineer's sense as equivalent to *col*.

Similarly, near the vale of Khanpoor, the last dying remnants of the folds in the Nummulitic limestone appear as long low limestone mounds parallel to the general strike of the country, and almost covered in by the recent river accumulations of the Hurroh.

South-west of the Serh hill the Hurroh river takes a great turn to the north-west, and then again to the south-west, in the direction of Hassan Abdal. Between the latter place and Serh, there occur a few scattered hills, including those at Hassan Abdal, which, although really lying outside Hazara, may merit a few remarks since they occur along the railway route and cannot fail to attract the attention of any one visiting the district of Hazara. Wynne has inserted their geology on his unfinished map.

The temple-crowned hill stretching away east from the town of Hassan Abdal is shewn in section, fig. 34.

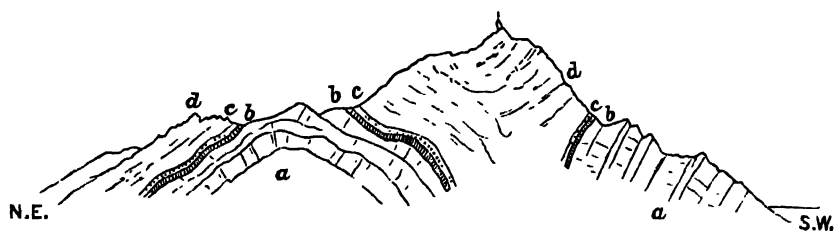


Fig. 34.

- d—Nummulitic limestone.
- c—Variegated sandstone.
- b—Pisolitic iron-ore.
- a—Trias limestone, well bedded.

An undulating anticlinal and synclinal fold are well seen. The Nummulitic limestone dipping north-east on the left of the section continues to form the north-eastern side of the hill the rest of the way to the point where the railway cuts across the strike on its way to Kala Serai. The Trias is extremely well bedded and weathers

in the usually well-marked way, and is quarried for the railway. The structure of the intervening bands of rock are as given below, fig. 35, in the gap north-east of the temple-crowned hill. Wynne has marked

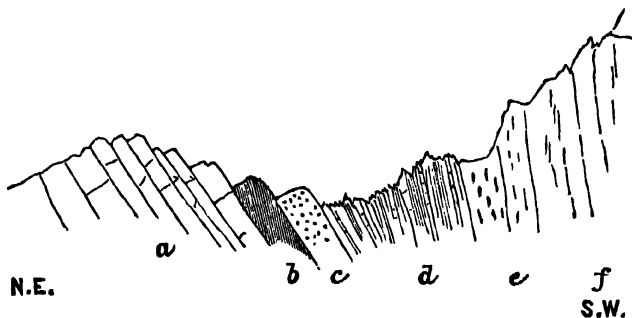


Fig. 35.

*f*—Nummulitic limestone.

*e*—*Echinolampas* zone, 3 feet.

*d*—Thin-bedded ochre-coloured limestone marls and shales  
full of gastropods and bivalves, 10 feet.

*c*—Variegated sandstone, 6 feet.

*b*—Pisolithic iron-bed, 6 feet.

*a*—Trias limestone.

a band of Jurassics along this line, but I was unable to find anything resembling them. The pisolithic iron-bed certainly lies directly upon the Trias, and I can only regard it as of an horizon at least higher than Cretaceous. The *Echinolampas* zone is characteristic of this section and occurs crowded with that genus.

On the other side of the rail, in a north-easterly direction, the following section, fig. 36, is exposed in a bare hill-side :—

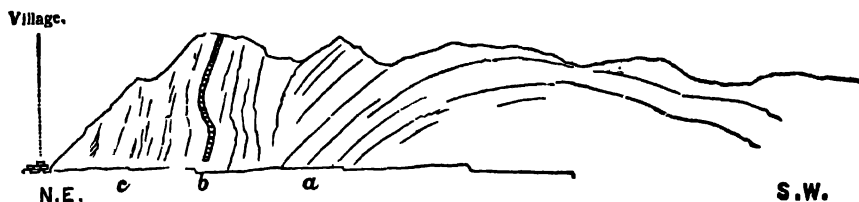


Fig. 36.

*c*—Nummulitic limestone.

*b*—Pisolithic bed.

*a*—Trias limestone.

Fig. 37 is a rough sketch of a block of Nummulitic limestone, which is the characteristic rock element of this great and well-marked zone.

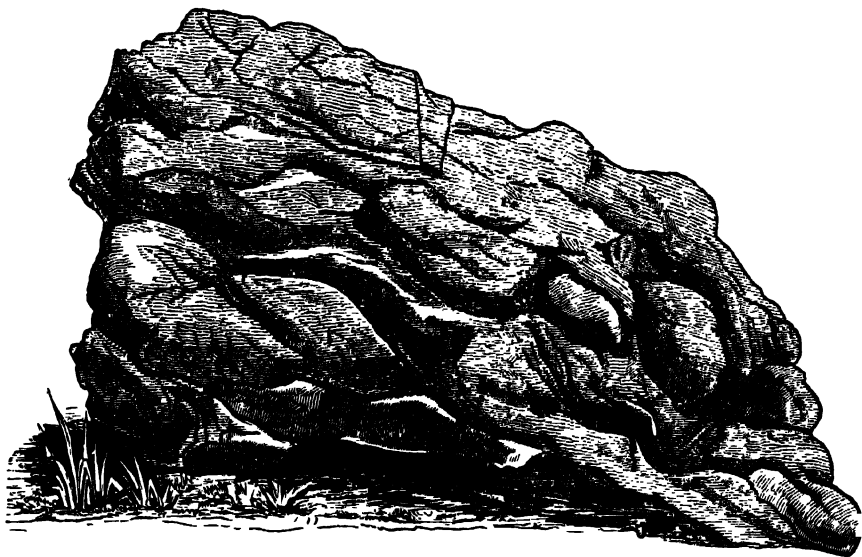


Fig. 37.

(4) *Summary of the Nummulitic zone.*

Taking a rapid glance over the Nummulitic zone as a whole we may note—

- (1) That the sequence of formations is from Trias to Kuldana beds,
- (2) That the Trias, so far as we can see down into it, does not differ in any marked way from the Trias of the southern parts of the Slate zone,
- (3) That the Jurassics present two well-marked types, a northern and a southern, and that though they pass into each other, the line of passage is somewhat sharp and not always recognisable; also that whilst the northern type is characterised by an abundance of Spiti shales passing upwards into and overlaid by Gieumal sand-

stone (as in the Slate zone), the southern type is characterised more particularly by a calcareous element which appears to be developed both above and among the Gieumal sandstone.

- (4) That the cretaceous band is remarkably well represented the whole way along the great earth-fold from Janomar to Moorchoori, and that it dies out abruptly along the line of the Hurroh river, no trace of it or of its fossils being found at all to the south of that river or at any point in the zone of a corresponding strike-position.
- (5) That the great Nummulitic formation throughout this zone, to which it gives the name, is remarkably developed, not only horizontally whereby it almost covers in the whole area, but also vertically, in which direction its thickness is very great. We may also note with regard to it the striking and peculiar change of facies in its lower part in the neighbourhood of the Chujjian Janomar, and Serh hill masses where it becomes distinctly arenaceous.
- (6) That the Kuldana beds appear for the first time in the sequence of formations.

As regards the physical geology and surface sculpturing of the zone, much has already been said in the first part of this chapter devoted to the orography, but we may here recapitulate—

- (a) Continuity and parallelism of strike, as in the Slate zone, but with gentle strike undulations and a somewhat rapid curving to the north as the Jhelum river is approached.
- (b) A system of undulating earth-folds with accompanying fold-faults, and in some places a marked set of minor contortions and folds borne on the main folds.
- (c) Valley systems divide themselves naturally into "longitudinal" and "transverse," and are either of the nature of deeply cut-down gorges or "rifts," or long shallow

valleys, occasionally expanding into wide valleys, but never into plains like the Abbottabad or Mansehrh plains.

- (d) Hills not split up into central elliptical masses, with radiating spurs and of graceful build, as in the Slate zone ; but combined into long steadily running strike ridges of squat and heavy architecture following the axes of the earth-folds.
- (e) Denudation comparatively backward, as indicated plainly by the great convex ridge-slopes, by the longitudinal and transverse valley systems shewing as yet scarcely any sign of effacement or co-mingling, by the comparatively uniform descent in the general level of the country from the gulees to the Margalla pass, and lastly by the absence of great contrasts of elevation.

## CHAPTER V.—DESCRIPTIVE GEOLOGY—*contd.*

### (D) THE UPPER TERTIARY ZONE.

#### *Orography.*

The most southerly of the strike zones present in Hazara is the Upper Tertiary zone. It is bounded on the north by the Nummulitic zone, from which it is divided by a uniformly curving fold-fault ; whilst to the south it is by no means confined to the area shewn in the map of Hazara, but extends for great distances over the Rawalpindi plateau, or Potwar, as far as the Salt-Range. The portion of it represented in Hazara is in fact a very imperfect sample of the zone as a whole, a mere fringe of it caught up along the outer margin of the last-described zone.

The Slate zone we have seen to be characterised by revealing no rocks below the Slate series. The Nummulitic zone in like manner reveals nothing below the Trias in its northern half, and nothing below the Jurassics in its southern half. Coming now to the Upper Tertiary zone we shall find that it carries out the same law by revealing nothing below the Eocene or Nummulitic strata. A



parallel law holds good as regards the highest exposed strata of each zone; for whilst the Nummulitics are the highest exposed strata of the Slate zone and the Kuldanas the highest of the Nummulitic zone, so the Siwaliks will be found to be the highest of the present zone (neglecting recent accumulations which are common to all the zones).

The narrowness of the belt of Upper Tertiary rocks represented in Hazara is such that very little need be said about them, especially as their more typical development in the Rawalpindi district has been already very thoroughly described by Wynne.<sup>1</sup>

Beginning with the zone as displayed in the neighbourhood of Murree, we find it composed of a single, nearly uniform ridge, which curves in a crescent shape round the south-eastern part of Hazara, one horn of the crescent trending north-east and north up the valley of the Jhelum, and the other trending south-west and west-south-west, and each lowering gradually in altitude as it does so. The full length of this Hazara belt of the zone is shewn in the two panorama views from Moorhpoori and Changla.

The hill station of Murree occupying some of the higher parts of the ridge is too well known as a hot-weather resort of this part of the Panjab for me to do more than briefly mention it here. Though it cannot vie with the gullees in its woodland scenery and the perfection of its water-supply, yet its proximity to, and accessibility from, the plains, and its greater roominess, have long ago established it as *the* hill station of the Panjab, second only to Simla. Notwithstanding that its imperfect water-supply (soon to be remedied) and the easy communication now established between the plains and Kashmir have somewhat detracted from its earlier popularity, it is still a favourite sanitarium for the hot months of the year. European shops, several hotels, a cathedral, and a brewery mark its prosperity and importance, whilst the location there of the head-quarters of the Panjab army, and the completion of the water-works, will ensure its future career as a hill station.

The surface configuration of the Murree ridge and of its continuations N.N.E. and S.W. is extremely characteristic. Its general colour alone, which depends on the chocolate-purple clays and shales interbedded with the sandstones, is a very striking peculiarity, inasmuch as, if viewed from the north along the gullee ridge, the whole surface of the ground appears a reddish purple. The Murree beds, being one of the lower members of the Upper Tertiaries which characterise the Sub-Himalayan tract, do not here, as in many parts of the Himalaya, form a separate hill-range divided off from the main ranges behind by a low upland valley of the nature of the Dehra Dun and other similar valleys. The structure here is more nearly paralleled by that at the foot of the Naini Tal hills, where, as in this case, the Sub-Himalayan tract has become, as it were, welded into one whole with the older rocks behind and above it.

A conspicuous feature of this Upper Tertiary zone is the steady dip of the strata down against the faulted boundary to the north-west. This, as is usual in such a massive well-bedded rock as the Murree sandstone, gives a long gentle dip slope to the north, and a succession of picturesque scarps and secondary dip slopes to the south. Near Murree, where the forest is conserved, the northern slopes are fairly wooded. To the south-west again, where the level of this zone descends rapidly, the country is bare, and the low brown sandstone ridges, made up of disconnected pieces by reason of the streams which cut through them across the strike, possess nothing but low scrub-jungle, until dying away and sinking under a thin layer of alluvium towards Shah-ki-Moorpoor and Shah-ala-Ditta they pass into cultivated lands interrupted here and there by little rough stony lines of crags, where the harder bands of sandstone or pseudo-conglomerate stand out in relief. Towards the north-east, in the direction up the Jhelum valley, the Kaneir N. for some way marks off the north-west boundary of this zone. In this direction the hills flatten out at their top, lower gradually in elevation, and become covered with terraces of fields, one above the other, as at Dehbul, Beerot, etc. After the Kaneir N. leaves the boundary to join the

Jhelum, the above boundary line, which now runs north and south, is simply marked by a succession of low gaps or depressions on the side spurs as they descend from the older zones to the west. This position is an exact reproduction of the similar line of division between the Nahan beds and the Himalayan rocks of Ganwhar and Kumaun.

*Sections in the Upper Tertiary zone.*

The long narrow band of Murree beds which travels south down the right bank of Jhelum river shews very little of interest until Dehvul is reached. The whole way the sections, wherever visible, expose dips (whether normal or inverted it is impossible to say) at moderate angles towards the west. The sharpness of the boundary line between the Murree beds and the older rocks is emphasized by the way different members of the older zone come down against the fault,—in one place Infra-Trias limestone, in another Trias, and further to the south Jurassic or Nummulitic rocks.

Section near Dehvul.

West of Dehvul in the Kaneir stream-bed the Murree beds are separated from the older rocks of the Nummulitic zone by a narrow band of Kuldanas. The following sketch-section, fig. 38, shews the arrangement:—

Section in the Kaneir N.

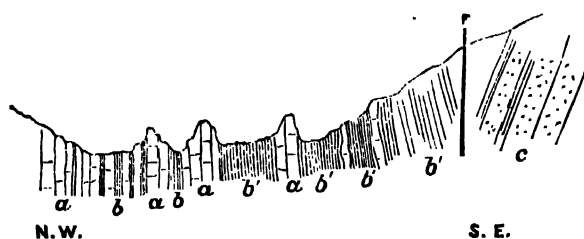


Fig. 38.

*c* = Murree sandstones.

*b* = Purple reddish shales and marly shales interbedded with *a* and *b*.

*b* = Grey and greenish-grey shales and marl interbedded with *a*.

*a* = Nummulite-bearing limestone.

The section near Murree has been very well described by Wynne, and for details I refer the reader to his paper.<sup>1</sup>

Section near Murree.

The diagrammatic sketch-section given below gives the result of my own traverse across the section from Murree to Derriya Gulee.

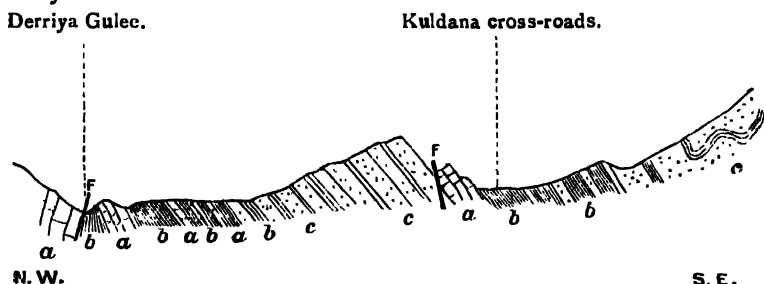


Fig 39.

*c* = Murree sandstone.

*b* = Purple-red, grey, and greenish-grey splintery shales and marly layers.

*a* = Nummulitic limestone.

The important point about the above section is that it shews a definite passage from the Kuldana beds up into the Murree beds near the  $3\frac{1}{2}$  milestone from Murree, the passage being of the nature of a gradual interbedding of the one set of rocks with the other, which is the most perfect and reliable form that a passage-bed can take. Hence I have represented on the map and in the section a normal junction here between the two sets of beds. By itself perhaps such a section would not be conclusive, especially since the exposures follow a rather narrow and disintegrating ridge, and the dips are high, but it will be remembered that in the gently folded rocks of Laichi Khun<sup>2</sup> this same zone of Murree beds follows in a perfectly normal and natural order above passage-beds resembling these Kuldana beds, whilst they in turn lie normally and naturally upon the Nummulitic limestone. Wynne from his remarks, page 69 of his last-quoted paper, was evidently of the same opinion. It will be noticed that north of the Kuldana cross-roads the dip of the beds is south-east and somewhat irregular, so that the general law that these younger Tertiaries dip towards the next zone to the north-west is here departed from.

<sup>1</sup> Rec. G. S. of I., pt. 2, pp. 68, 69.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 132.

The same series of beds have a strike continuation towards the north-east and south-west for a considerable distance. In the former direction, however, the rib of Nummulitic limestone and associated Kuldana beds, as exposed at the cross-roads, die out after about a mile, either by a fault to the north cutting them out, or for some other reason obscured in the gently flowing hill-sides. In the latter direction the rib of Nummulitic limestone continues by "Sunny Bank," "Clifden," Ghora Gulee, and Tret. At the last-named place it disappears from the map.

A marked gap at each of these places indicates the junction of the hard Nummulitic limestone with the softer "Clifden" section. beds lying to the south-east. In the panorama from Changla (Pl. 10) this band can be followed by the eye from its position behind the Kuldana hill, where it is hidden in the drawing, across spur after spur given off from the Murree ridge as far as Tret. The Kuldana beds to the south-east of the rib follow only as far as Clifden, when they are apparently cut out by a fault. At Clifden and in the neighbourhood, these shales are impregnated with gypsum in anastomosing strings and veins. Gypsum also occurs in curved banded layers of grey and white colours. The mineral is not present in any abundance, but its occurrence at this horizon corresponds to the similar occurrences among the Kuldana bands already noticed in the Nummulitic zone.

The gentle northern slopes of the Murree ridge are sometimes subject to small landslips, or subsidences, during very heavy rain. In the autumn of 1891 one such occurred between the Club and Clifden, when a great bank-like mass of rocks, 80 to 100 yards long by 20 to 30 broad, and as many high, subsided, owing to the soft purple shales beneath the sandstone having been washed out by streams.

There is nothing more to be said about this Upper Tertiary zone as it appears in Hazara. An excellent description with sections of its extension to the south-east over the great Rawalpindi plateau will be found in the writings of Wynne, cited in the introductory chapter.

CHAPTER VI.—DESCRIPTIVE GEOLOGY—*contd.*

## (A) THE CRYSTALLINE AND METAMORPHIC ZONE.

*Orography.*

It will now be necessary to recross the three disturbance zones which have so far been described, until we arrive at the zone made up almost entirely of crystalline gneissose and schistose rocks, or of other slightly metamorphic rocks. This zone lies on the north-west side of the Slate zone, and stretches away indefinitely in that direction. It has been left for description to the last because of its complexity; it presents in particular some difficulties of interpretation as to the age and stratigraphical position of certain metamorphosed sedimentary rocks which have puzzled every observer since the southern slopes of the Himalaya were first investigated.

This zone is very varied as regards its scenery and superficial characters. The hills rise sometimes to the very considerable heights of Bahingra mountain, 8,503 feet, and Ákhúnd Báábá, 9,170 feet; whilst out of the confines of the map with this memoir the snowy peaks, which close in round the head of the Khagan valley, attain an altitude of 15,000 to 16,000 feet. Again, the plains, such as the Pakli plain north of Mansehrúh, the valley of Agror, the broad stretches of country only diversified by small hills like much of the Tanawal country, and the wide and sometimes deep valleys of the Indus and Jhelum with their tributaries, are examples of areas which are in a later stage of denudation than any we have yet seen. In other words, the contrasts of elevation in this zone are extremely well marked. We may also note that all tendency to a linear arrangement of the mountain-masses and their spurs has almost entirely ceased.

The country is wild and picturesque as we get among the higher hills. From about 8,000 feet upwards the hill-sides become well wooded with Deodars and other coniferous and temperate trees. The winter snows lie heavily on such ridges and summits, so that

villages and cultivation naturally cease about that level. The higher slopes are only used temporarily in the summer as grazing grounds or as passes from one valley to another.

This zone, especially in its northern parts, is but little known to European travellers or others. The higher valleys of Khagan are the especial care of the Forest Department. Agror and the neighbourhood are sometimes visited by the civil and political officers of the district. But north of that, in the direction of the Black Mountain, and beyond, the country-side is in the unsettled state that naturally belongs to a borderland where civilised rule and barbarism meet. Such parts are only accessible to an armed force.

### *Sections in the Crystalline and Metamorphic zone.*

If the reader refers to what has been said pp. 4, 62, he will see that want of time and opportunity prevented my  
 General remarks. party from doing more than sample the great  
 expanse of these rocks in the northern parts of Hazara. I shall not attempt, therefore, in what follows, to describe anything like a complete series of sections illustrative of the crystalline and metamorphic zone, but shall pick out a few here and there for description, which are of special interest. In the chapter dealing with the petrology of these rocks a good deal of detail has already been given. It remains here merely to shew by means of local sections their relative bearings to one another and to the unmetamorphosed rocks.

### *Sections in the Tanawal country north of Abbottabad.*

The portion of the country to the north-west of the Slate zone is represented on the map as consisting of three formations: first the Infra-Trias, secondly, the "Tanols," and thirdly gneissose and schistose rocks. The following descriptions will tend to make their mutual relations clearer. There are three main outcrop-areas or bands of the Infra-Trias in this portion of Hazara, one running north-east—south-

west near Sobruh, another following the length of the ridge north of Teer village, and a third occupying a large space of country between Doodha mountain and Burkot. Between them come other areas indicated on the map as *Tanols*, whilst to the north of both Infra-Trias and *Tanols* come the gneissose-granite and crystalline schists. In consequence of this it will be convenient first to describe each of these isolated Infra-Trias areas by itself, by reference to and by means of sections along particular lines.

The low slate-hills north of Abbottabad, of which Hubeebuh mountain forms a prominent peak, have already been mentioned in the descriptive part of the Slate zone. It was remarked there that they shew no trace of any extra metamorphism until they approach the north-western boundary of the Slate zone, and that then the chief sign of such extra metamorphism was to be found in the quartz veins, from 6 to 12 inches across, which ramify through them. The absence of any limestone bands in the slates and of any prominent quartzose beds in this locality also make it impossible to unravel the complicated folds into which such thin-bedded rocks are thrown, for the simple reason that surface dips among shattered rocks of this kind are completely untrustworthy owing to surface deflection.

At Sobruh Gulee, about one mile north-west of the "T" of Thunnuh, the low slate country is connected with the higher rocky crags of the Infra-Trias band of rocks by a narrow little neck, or divide, forming a small pass between the head of the Miankhaki stream which flows south-west and a little stream which runs north-east by Puswal. Here the Slate series, slightly metamorphosed as described above, gives way to what at first sight appears to be a very normal section in the Infra-Trias. The slates for the moment are dipping south-east at fairly high angles, and above them the Infra-Trias crags are dipping north-west—a condition very much resembling that north of the Tanakki glen (see p. 100). A section across the band of rocks at this point is given overleaf, fig. 40. We may note



Sobruh Gulee.

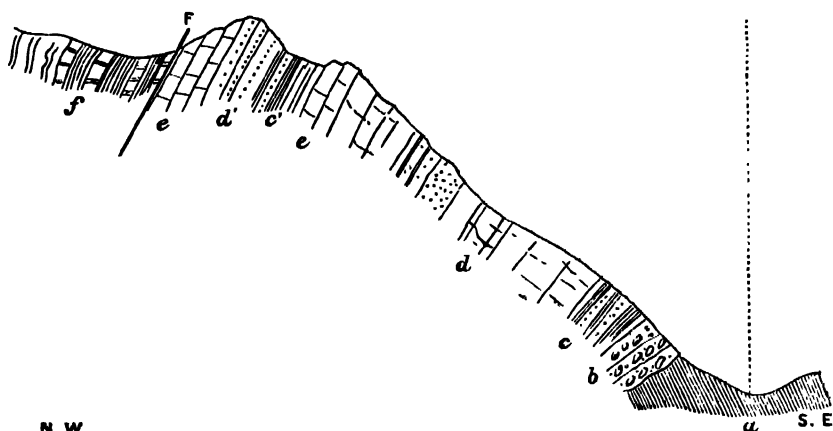


Fig. 40.

*f* = "Tanols," Schistose rocks and crystalline limestone bands.

*e* = Infra-Trias limestone.

*c'* = Purple banded shales.

*d'* = Purple sandy limestone.

*d* = Coarse and fine purple, white, and grey quartzite and sandstone.

*c* = Purple shale.

*b* = Basal conglomerate, Infra-Trias.

*a* = Slate series.

with regard to that section, first that the basal conglomerate, which is about 30 feet thick, is made up of fragments of nothing but rocks such as the slates and quartzites below it. There is no trace here, as also there was none at Sirban, of gneissose rocks, or of any highly crystalline schists embedded as pebbles in the conglomerate. But the conglomerate as a whole has nevertheless assumed one of the first aspects that a rock suffering metamorphic change usually takes on, inasmuch as the pebbles have been turned round in their soft matrix, sheared slightly one over the other, and arranged with their long axes at a high angle with their original plane of bedding.

Abundant exposures along the stream running towards Puswal shew this aspect of the rock in many striking sections. Near that village also, and further on near Dhareh, the unconformable lie of the coarse conglomerate on the top of the slates is plainly indicated

by a waving and curving of the outcrop of the conglomerate as it inbays across the inequalities of the ground. In the opposite direction down the Miankhaki stream, the same conglomerate, lying beneath the quartzites, etc., is recorded by Hira Lal as having been recognised by him at a point on the map  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch south of the "1" of Mihal, beyond which, along the same line, down-stream, it does not occur, probably by reason of the covering of recent gravels hiding it from view.

The rest of the series above the Infra-Trias conglomerate comprises purple shales, somewhat cross-cleaved, purple and white quartzites, and sandstones, whilst the Infra-Trias limestone, though characteristic as to its composition and structure, is only of small thickness. In each direction along the strike these beds follow for some miles in natural order. Eventually this Infra-Trias band of rocks dies out to the south-west by reason of the overlapping of the recent valley deposits of the Miankhaki stream, and to the north-east by temporarily vanishing under the alluvium of the northern continuation of the Abbottabad plain.

There is no difficulty whatever in recognising that the section is similar in its lithology and its sequence of different rocks to the Sirban section, some five or six miles away, notwithstanding that a slight degree of metamorphism has supervened.

But it is when we come to the top of the Infra-Trias limestone to bed *e* of the section just given that a difficulty of interpretation creeps in. North of that point the section exhibits a great series of rocks which I at first believed to be metamorphic representatives of the Slate series, or at least of an older and different set of rocks, altogether distinct from the Infra-Trias as it normally occurs further south. These rocks are marked on the map as *Tanols*, a distinctive name invented by Wynne,<sup>1</sup> and which I have retained, because, as I shall shew later, they probably represent sedimentary accumulations with a characteristic aspect of their own, and though largely representing metamorphosed

<sup>1</sup> The word *Tanol*, though spelled differently, is really the same as Tanawal.

sandstones and quartzites of the Infra-Trias, probably also include with them other and older rock material along their northern edge.

Leaving the further discussion of the *Tanols* for the present, we will now take for consideration the band of Infra-Trias rocks which follows the line of the ridge north of Teer,—that is to say, the next band of these rocks which appears if we cross the strike at right angles in a north-westerly direction.

If the map be consulted it will be seen that the band extends from its north-eastern extremity near Tahlee in a long narrow outcrop trending S.W. by S. and expanding somewhat in its middle part south-east of the word Kootnalee. It then becomes accompanied by another parallel band of the same rocks which afterwards joins up with it north of Neelour. The joint band then, after continuing a short way, comes to an end a little west of Ulolee. To the north-west again there is another completely isolated patch of the same rocks running from the "B" of Bandah Loharah, spreading out near Durri, 3,567 feet, and thence continuing as a narrow ridge to the 2,943 feet hill, where it finally ends.

There are some considerable difficulties of interpretation appertaining to this outcrop area of the Infra-Trias rocks and the associated *Tanols*. On the north side of the great ridge of limestone in the low country between it and the Jurl N., the *Tanols* dip away towards the N.N.W. at  $40^{\circ}$ , lowering somewhat as the river is approached. These rocks consist here of a great series of coarse-grained schistose quartzites of white or faintly purplish colour,—rocks in fact agreeing lithologically in every way with the *Tanols* as defined in this memoir. At one or two places east of Kukotree there appears between them and the Infra-Trias limestone a thin bed of faintly metamorphosed conglomerate, which in many ways resembles the conglomerate at the base of the Infra-Trias, but which might also pass for one of the conglomerates, or more coarsely clastic beds which occur higher among the *Tanols*. Wynne in one of his sections<sup>1</sup> includes the conglomerate with the latter and divides it and them

<sup>1</sup> Rec. G. S. of I., Vol. XII, pt. 2, 1879.

from the Infra-Trias limestone by a fault. At other localities along this edge of the Infra-Trias band, as for instance on the "n" of Kootnalee and thence to the north-eastern end of the outcrop, the line of division is clearly a fault, and there is no development of the conglomerate at all, as for instance near Nukkeh.

Again, along the southern edge of this band along the space intervening between it and the next parallel band of Infra-Trias limestone there occur similar conglomerates, which, from their comparatively unmetamorphosed condition and from the associated purple slightly sheeny-surfaced slates and coarse-grained quartzites, seem still more likely to represent the true base of the Infra-Trias. These purple slates and conglomerates outcrop along a depression between the two Infra-Trias ridges, whilst the latter form steep craggy heights cut through in places by streams so as to form picturesque gorges, such as that above Teer village. The limestone itself is of the usual grey, sometimes cream, and flesh colour, and contains bands of chert.

South of the southern band of limestone I do not know of any occurrence of sandstone, purple slate, or conglomerate, which might represent the lower part of the Infra-Trias. On the contrary, the limestone along that line appears to overlie a set of white and purple and green banded schistose quartzites.

I give below a section, fig. 41, through the hill-mass from  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile east of Kukotree to Kurm, and also another section, fig. 42, from near Kukotree to Teer. The only thing certain about these two

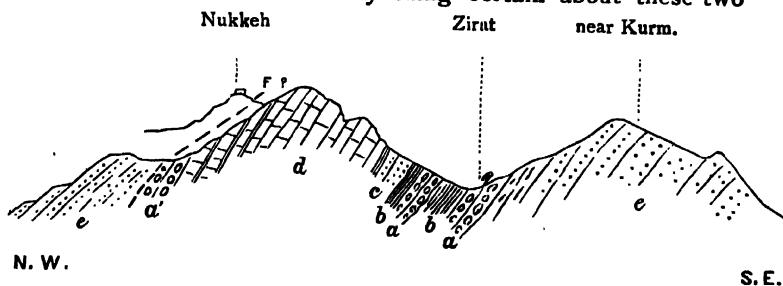


Fig. 41.

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| e = Tanols.                | b = Purple shale.                   |
| d = Infra-Trias limestone. | a' = Conglomerate (schistose).      |
| c = Coarse sandstone.      | a = Infra-Trias basal conglomerate. |

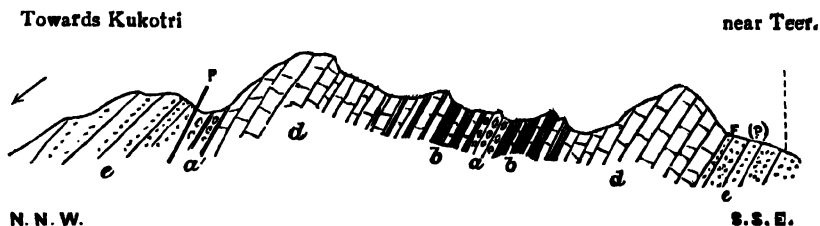


Fig. 42.

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sections is that the limestone is Infra-Trias. The matters about which questions arise are—

- (1) whether the conglomerates or one of the conglomerates marked *a* belong to the basal bed of the Infra-Trias, or to some other horizon, and
- (2) whether the schistose quartzites north and south of the area, called *Tanols*, are altogether older than the typical Infra-Trias limestone of Sirban, or are altogether younger than it, or are contemporaneous with part of it.

The general lie of the beds gives one very little of a clue in these two sections, because the apparent dip is uniformly in one direction, namely, N.N.W. at high angles. It may be noticed, however, that in the section through Durri hill, 3,567 ft., the Infra-Trias limestone is bent into a rather narrow but sharp synclinal, whilst underneath the southern limb of the synclinal beds of purple quartzite, purple shale and conglomerate appear, very much resembling the normal section through the base of the Infra-Trias of Sobruh and Sirban. Below the conglomerate again are purple quartzites generally schistose and well-bedded.

Before we can advance nearer to the truth concerning these questions, it will be necessary to pass on to the next band of Infra-Trias as marked on the map, namely, the large area extending from near Doodha mountain to Burkot. Near Doodha some interesting facts may be noticed. Approached from the north by the village of Chune Kot the much-weathered quartz-schists,

Infra-Trias band extending from near Doodha mountain to Burkot.

sometimes showing foliation or cleavage across the original bedding, are dipping (real dip) about  $60^{\circ}$  N.N.E. In the gap to the south of Doodha and between it and another hill further to the south, composed of the Infra-Trias limestone, there is an apparent variation of the latter near its junction with the quartz-schists. It becomes brownish, thinner-bedded, and interbedded with shales. There is no trace of any conglomerate. Towards the south in the direction of Jum the same limestone, in inverted synclinal folds many times repeated, seems to outcrop down the slopes and crags west of Beer. The impression obtained by traverses along the southern base of the Doodha hill-mass on the pathway from Kullungur *vid* Jum to Kuchchee is the same,—an impression, that is to say, that fold after fold of the Infra-Trias follow one another lying in a much-disturbed basin among the schistose quartzites. The lower beds on the southern side are of a darker brownish colour, and there is a thin zone of sandy limestone at the base. Nowhere along this line of country, either to the north of the Infra-Trias outcrop or to the south, is there any occurrence of rocks which might be matched lithologically with the basal beds of the Infra-Trias, neither conglomerate nor sandstones. Near the Burkot end of the Infra-Trias outcrop in the vicinity of Pind and Khunda Khoosh the aspect of the whole mass of the Infra-Trias limestone in its relation to the *Tanols* is as if it lay above the latter, but was at the same time partly interbedded with it. The dip is gentle, at angles of  $15^{\circ}$  to  $20^{\circ}$ , shewing the limestone normally overlying *Tanols* near Hal and being in its lowest layers interbedded with it. Some beds of trap also occur here, apparently dyke rocks.

Near Hal along the road to Seree-Sher-Shah the same aspect of the rocks is very manifest. The dip gradually veers round from south to south-west, then south again, and finally south-south-west again. The strike thus runs nearly parallel to the Mangal N. The gentle dip of  $25^{\circ}$  to  $30^{\circ}$  increases to  $40^{\circ}$  as the direction changes. Some of the interbedded bands of quartz-schist shew a cleavage foliation distinctly crossing both rocks as in fig. 43.

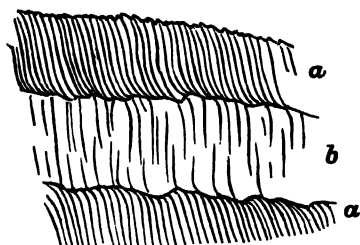


Fig. 43.  
b = Limestone.  
a = Quartz-schist.

The Sirun R. from near Seree-Sher-Shah exposes a continuous section in the Infra-Trias of this area. The river-bed is a very deeply eroded channel or gorge traversing across the strike from north to south. It is broken up into a number of pools of deep water between which a variable current runs dependent on the rainfall in the hills to the north, or on the moulting snow of Bahingra in the spring. As is usual in many parts of Hazara this river-bed is one of the main footpaths from village to village. The section exposed along it is one continuous series of fold after fold among the limestones, sometimes much mixed up with *Tanol* quartzites. It is from evidence here and on the neighbouring hills that I am inclined to think that many of the beds of the schistose quartzites among the limestones are due to a change of facies in the deposit, and that they here are contemporaneous with what is limestone in other parts.

The lower reaches of the Sirun R. between Beer and Soha also shew violent folds in the Infra-Trias limestone. Still further downstream in the little hill north-east of Kuchchee the Infra-Trias is much more sandy than elsewhere. Its lower beds in particular are darker in colour, and the rock appears in the curious form of a pseudo-conglomerate. At first sight some of this material seems suggestive of rolled fragments of Infra-Trias limestone scattered through a sandy matrix, but ultimately abundance of passage forms were found connecting it with the ordinary Infra-Trias limestone which is generally much scored across and across by the peculiar form of weathering explained in chapter II, page 24. The cause of this appearance seems to be that the limestone, by the presence of more sandy material along with calcareous, became first concretionary, then a brecciation of the rock took place with a re-cement-

ation of the fragments and the production of what might at first sight be mistaken for a conglomeratic structure. This rock weathers into bold little heights crowning the hill-tops. The above is interesting as affording a definite proof that in certain places the limestone does become sandy by a gradual change of its material.

Intimately connected with and surrounding the three outcrop

A few remarks on the Tanol schistose quartzite lying between and round the Infra-Trias limestone areas.

areas of Infra-Trias limestone come large areas occupied by the Tanols. They have been described in general terms before, and have been several times referred to in this chapter.

These rocks are peculiar in many ways, and neither Wynne nor myself have been able to satisfactorily determine their relative position among the other formations of Hazara.

It is scarcely necessary to give individual sections illustrative of these rocks, because everywhere are they the same lithologically, and everywhere is the dip of their foliation and shear planes in towards the higher mountain ranges at not very high angles. They likewise do not vary much, nor possess any lithological sequence. Briefly stated they consist everywhere of a very great thickness of massive, rather coarse, felspathic, schistose quartzites, becoming faintly conglomeratic in places and pale white or cream coloured as a rule. In spite of the dynamic metamorphism that has so manifestly affected them, in common with many other rocks of this region, they have not the appearance that generally appertains to quartzites of very great antiquity. The separate grains of the rock are loosely aggregated together, not cemented by secondary silica. Thus structurally, these rocks are as far removed as possible from a glassy quartzite. In colour too they differ materially from the ancient, dark grey, purple, or greenish quartzites belonging to the Slate series.

Instead, therefore, of describing local sections in these rocks, I shall now summarise in a few statements all that I have been able to learn from a study of local sections in them:—

(1) In the field their outcrop areas are always confluent with



those of the Infra-Trias limestone. This is sufficiently illustrated by the map, where the two colours representing them lie touching one another on one or more sides. This seems to shew incontestibly that there is a connection of some sort between the two.

- (2) From the section through the Infra-Trias band at Sobruh Gulee there does not seem to be any place in the series between the basal conglomerate and the limestones of the Infra-Trias for such enormous thicknesses of the Tanol quartzites.
- (3) The sections through the ridge north of Teer, on the supposition that the conglomerate found in connection with the Infra-Trias limestone is the basal conglomerate, similarly give us no room in the series below the limestone for these great piles of strata. Thus we seem driven to conclude that the Tanols must be either contemporaneous or younger than the Infra-Trias limestone of the Sobruh and Teer bands.
- (4) In the Doodha-Burkot area the Infra-Trias limestone in appearance seems to overlies the *Tanols* in the neighbourhood, but without any trace of a basal conglomerate or sandstone, but with quite different lowermost beds (see *ante*, p. 234). From this one might expect that the Doodha-Burkot Infra-Trias limestone band is younger than the two southern bands, and that much of what is called *Tanol* quartzites have a position between the two. This supposition on the whole seems best to fit in with facts.
- (5) On their northern side the *Tanols* merge into the more ancient crystalline schists in a peculiar way. That shearing and reversed faulting has been the main agent in bringing this about I have no doubt, but actual proof is wanting. The northern junction line of the Tanols against the older schists is therefore vague and indefinite,

and has been left so on the map. No hard-and-fast boundary can be drawn.

- (6) The fresh quartzo-felspathic material of which the rock is composed, and the coarseness of the grain, indicate a granitic source for it; whilst the slight metamorphism which the *Tanols* have sustained was doubtless due to the intrusion of the basic trap dykes among them. No single instance of the intrusion of gneissose-granite among them is known to me. They seem indeed pretty certainly to be younger than the gneissose-granite, and in all probability to have derived their material from it.
- (7) In Jaunsar the 'Bawar' quartzites seem unmistakeably to be the equivalents of the *Tanols*. Possibly also the Boileaugunge quartzites, and much of the younger series of similar rocks described by me north of Dudatoli, are of the same age. In position and habit these rocks are very similar. It is likewise not impossible that the great Gondwana formation of Peninsular India is represented in part by the *Tanols*.

### *Sections in the Gundgurh Range.*

The Gundgurh range has been briefly alluded to, p. 92. It is a somewhat isolated hill-range rising steeply on its south-eastern side from the Hureepoor plain and lowering gradually at its south-west termination towards the lower reaches of the Hufroh R. On its north-western side it lowers gradually to the level of the Indus which flows along its base. It is generally a bare and rough range of uninviting waterless slopes; but to students of Hazara history. Sirikot fort is of interest as the place where Captain Abbott during the second Sikh war, August 1848 to February 1849, when cut off from all outside assistance, succeeded in defending himself from the rebellious Sikhs by means of the wild guerilla bands of Mahomedans which he collected.

Geologically this range illustrates very well the change of the

Slate series into metamorphic rocks. On the map the two colours representing these rocks have been shaded into one another, but it must be understood that the change is really more gradual than the conventional representation on the map would imply.

The Sirun R. which rises in Bahingra mountain and whose course we have already followed geologically from Seree-Sher-Shah to Kuchchee, passes in its lower reach across the north end of the Gundgurbh range and enters the Indus near Turbeluh amid vast plains of river-boulders. On its left bank it washes directly the foot of the Gundgurbh range, and gives a continuous exposure of rocks, which, with the exception of a small rock near Turbeluh town, belong uniformly to the slate and schistose series,—that is to say, to the oldest rocks (as known for certain) in Hazara. On its right bank the Sirun river is bounded by terraces of river-gravels among which there are two low hill-ranges which just succeed in keeping their summits free from the covering of Recent gravels. The low range nearest the Indus, and running somewhat parallel to it, is coloured as belonging to the crystalline schists, whilst the more irregular and eastern group of hills is seen to be a continuation of the spurs of the *Tanol* quartzites descending from Doodha mountain.

How these *Tanols* are related in point of position to the older rocks all round them is not clear, as the gravel-filled valleys hide the secret.

Beginning in the lowest reach of the Sirun at the town of Turbeluh, and working up-stream along a very good road running parallel to the side of the river, we have a section as follows:—

At Turbeluh, quartzites and quartz-schists of undoubted *Tanol* facies appear first in the section, standing up in wall-like masses. Mr. Edwards and I on first seeing these rocks were inclined to place them with the metamorphic representatives of the Slate series, because we could see no good line of division between them and the rocks presently to be described. But later work among the hills to the south-west shewed that there is a sharp distinction between the two (see

on p. 247). Along the line of junction in a south-west direction Edwards found a crystalline limestone in two or more bands, which appears to continue to about the "h" of Turbeluh in the Sirun river-bed.

The next rocks exposed in the road section, after an interval of river-gravels, are finely crystalline schistose slates, of pale colour and shewing foliation surfaces filmed by mica. Then follow darker schistose slate rocks with ramifications of quartz-veins through them. They are considerably contorted on a large and small scale. Among the first mentioned pale schists there are some bands of hornblendic schists which may be foliated traps. They are in thin bands and stand up resisting weathering more than the rest of the rock. Foliation strike is about north to south and dip  $50^{\circ}$ — $60^{\circ}$ — $70^{\circ}$  W.

Due south of the "r" of Mehra and about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-east of Turbeluh the section becomes of considerable interest by the appearance of the first of Mr. Wynne's so-called erratics.<sup>1</sup> I have before referred to these, p. 45, and stated my belief that they are not erratics at all, but only slightly displaced blocks, weathered out from an *in situ* vein. Such a statement at first sounds like a terrible indictment against Mr. Wynne's work, so in order to dispel such an idea I will at once say that (as I shall prove in a moment) the position is a peculiar one, a sort of geological puzzle, as if set by nature with the intention to deceive.

A little ridge-spur, running north to south on the east side of the "8" of 2,198, descends to the road. Looking up this we see a considerable amount of well-rounded river-boulders, a foot or more across, and generally of lens-shape—in fact exactly such as can be seen all over the boulder-strewn plains of Recent deposits near Turbeluh, and generally along the course of the Indus up-stream. But besides these we may also see a considerable amount of gneissose-granite (a rather fine-grained variety and without any noticeable porphyritic crystals) in huge masses, much split up by weathering, and lying on the spur and strewing the hill-side with fresh débris.

With regard to this I made out the following points:—

(1) There were blocks of immense size, and all but the smallest

<sup>1</sup> See Rec. G. S. of India, Vol. XII, p. 132, and section No. 3 accompanying the paper.

were completely angular, as if forming part of a crag or scarp.

- (2) There was a general tendency among the blocks to shew a foliation-strike in one direction, namely along the crest of the spur.
- (3) At a few places the ordinary schistose rocks *in situ* around had become more metamorphosed, and in addition contained veins of gneissose-granite 3—4 inches across.
- (4) Although the obviously river-rounded pebbles or boulders before mentioned were scattered all over the hill-spur, and even over a considerable portion of the neighbouring spurs to the south-east, yet the large broken crags of the granite were only found along one definite line, namely, the crest of the ridge running north-north-east.

After a short thickness of somewhat arenaceous schists, with a thin bed 2—3 feet thick of limestone or dolomite, we notice an increasing metamorphism in the schists, until at a point on the banks of the river due south of Mohrut village there is another occurrence of gneissose-granite, under the same conditions as before. Low cliffs on both sides of the river give an exposure as shewn, fig 44. It is undoubtedly a vein intruded among the schists ; although owing to

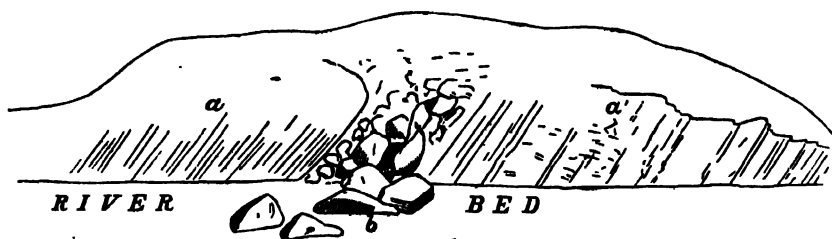


Fig. 44.

b = Gneissose-granite vein, weathered into fragments.

a¹ = Thick-bedded schists.

a = Thin-bedded schists.

its weathering into huge blocks which have rolled down the slope the section is somewhat hidden. We found beneath the fallen blocks 3 or 4 distinct veins of the granite, varying from a few inches

to a foot or more across, penetrating the schists in a devious way. No very prolonged search was necessary to decide that the rough angular blocks were practically *in situ*. In order to place the matter beyond all doubt we searched along the strike of the rocks up the hills to the south, and we found at the village of Tandoola in a section 8 yards long and 4 broad three distinct veins of the granite about 1 foot wide as represented in fig. 45. South of Tan-

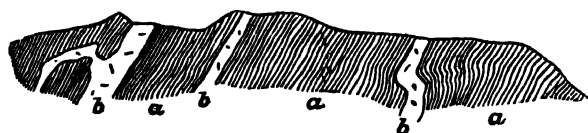


Fig. 45.

b = Gneissose-granite veins.

a = Schist.

doola the veins appear to die out, and a band of crystalline limestone of rusty-brown colour follows the same line of strike amongst the schists.

South of the band of gneissose-granite in the river-bed, the schists are penetrated by a trap dyke 4 ft. wide, and there is another just before crossing the Tandoola N. Then, on the second "7" of 1,787, there occur in the river-bed more huge boulders of the granite very slightly rounded. Tracing them south in the direction of the right bank of the Tandoola N. we find representatives of them running up the hill-side towards the "n" of Tandoola.

About 1 mile on from this place there are on the hill-side several bands of coarse-grained trap striking north to south and dipping due west about  $40^{\circ}$ . The schists here are also of a dark colour. About  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile further near the last "a" of Tandoola there is another very suggestive occurrence of the granite. It seemed to me to be a crag jutting out from the hill-side, so much smashed by weathering that its actual boundaries could not be seen. Exactly in the same line of north-to-south strike there is on the south side of the Sirun R. another accumulation of masses of the rock, and furthermore, in the river-bed itself, there are large masses of it. There is nowhere clear evidence of the rocks in contact with the granite, but I conclude from the linear arrangement of the blocks parallel to the general

strike (and across the river valley) that they are at or quite near their *in situ* place.

Observations by Hira Lal further indicate the persistence of these outcrops of gneissose-granite. He found, near Mohrut and Mehra (beyond Suarbee), large quantities of erratics of the rock, one of which was 42 feet in diameter. The blocks here lie in and among the stretches of gravel which hide their proper relations.

The following diagram, fig. 46, will assist the reader in comprehending the positions of the so-called erratics and their obviously related positions as parts of intrusive veins.

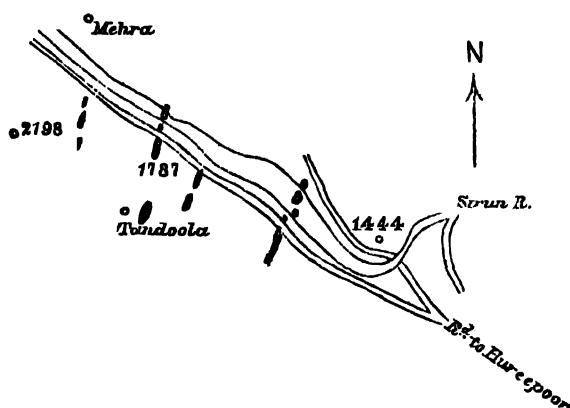


Fig. 46.

The black dots represent outcrops of the gneissose-granite.

Thus it is certain from the evidence I have adduced that the so-called erratics of the left bank of the Sirun R. are nothing but the ragged feather-edge of a series of veins of gneissose-granite among the older schistose slates.

The right bank being a gravel plain, shews no rock *in situ* whereby the continuation of these veins in a N.N.E. direction could have been followed out in detail. The whole position, on the face of it, is obviously a puzzling one, and liable to misinterpretation. Nothing but a detailed examination of each occurrence could possibly have given the clue to the right interpretation.

The point to be borne in mind and the lesson to be learnt are simply this, that a massive coarsely crystalline rock, in weathering out of a thin-bedded rock, is extremely liable to be left in the

form of rough and tumbled blocks which at first sight may very well look like erratics, especially when the whole occurrence is partly masked by recent gravels.

At page 46 I have hinted that a similar explanation may suffice to account for the erratics found south-west of the Gundgurh range, in the portion of the country between Hassan Abdal and Attock. It may be stretching an application of the same explanation too far to include the Jhand erratics also among the same list, but it is a point worth bearing in mind by anyone visiting the locality again.

I do not propose to describe in great detail the rest of the Gundgurh range. Wynne has given three sections across it in his paper (Rec. G. S. of I., Vol. XII, p. 114), and to these I refer the reader. The south-eastern side of the range, which becomes a steep scarp in its central part, exhibits a foundation of the slate series, the slates becoming slightly schistose as we reach the watershed near Rous and Budda. Among the slates there are limestones of the same type as the two kinds found near Lunguryal, which, in proportion as the surrounding slates are less or more metamorphosed, are themselves less or more marble-like.

Some of the slates and associated limestone bands become impregnated with graphitic matter: one marked band of graphitic shale or schist lies on the N.W. side of the limestone bands S. E. of Rous. This material is said by Wynne to be known to the natives as "surma lurri," but according to information from the jaguedar of Rous this name is the name of a place, and has no connection with the black graphitic layers, nor is the stuff itself used as a substitute for surma (antimony) for the eyes.

The slates are fine-grained and shew prominent banding in the lower parts of the range to the south-east. The ridge near Rous is composed of more arenaceous beds.

If we cross the ridge here and journey down the north-west slopes towards the Indus valley, we simply pass over rocks the metamorphism of which becomes slightly more pronounced as we advance.

Of the numerous limestone bands that appear at the south-west



end of the range some disappear to the north-east, others continue, and gaining in importance, occupy a large area on the high crest of the ridge near Pir Than. I give below, fig. 47 and fig. 48, diagrams of the puckered and frilled limestones which are found on the slopes of this hill mass, referred to also p. 54.

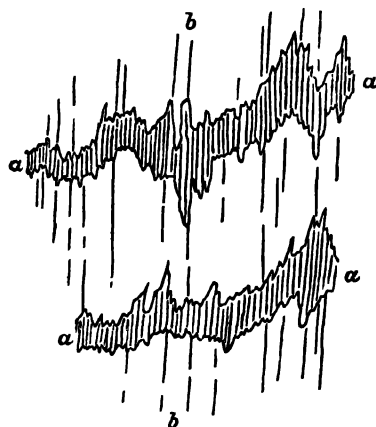


Fig. 47.

*aa* = Lines of original bedding.

*bb* = Lines of cleavage and re-arrangement.

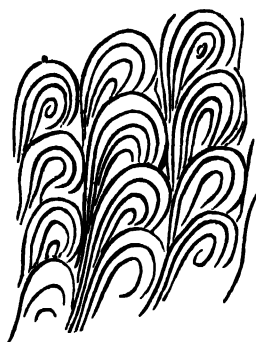


Fig. 48.

Near Chooeean some of these limestones, which have here attained a great thickness, bear a strong resemblance to those of the Infra-

Trias. I was unable to satisfy myself whether any of the latter were really present or not.

The graphitic schists, which have continued in this direction from the south-west end of the range, continue, and form a marked band well seen on the north-west edge of the great limestone mass between Chooeean and Bandee. A good deal of dark trap, in the form of masses intrusive along the bedding, is also found among the graphitic schists and among the limestones (see p. 81).

As the high crest of the ridge lowers again in a north-easterly direction, the massed limestone bands separate again once more into distinct bands, four of which persist to within 4 or 5 miles of the Dore R. near Thupluh.

The north-eastern half of the Gundgurh range is much wider than the rest, owing to the appearance of *Tanol* quartzites in great force south of Mohut. The section from Mohut to Sireekot up the Mohut N., exhibits an enormous thickness of quartzites and quartzschists, easily recognised as belonging to the *Tanols*. They are thrown into one immense synclinal with a N. E.—S.W. axis, the dips being as high as  $40^{\circ}$  or  $50^{\circ}$  on each side. In the valley N.E. of Choutraï there is a sharp change, and a very schistose conglomerate, much folded and repeated by faults, appears beneath the *Tanols* and dipping towards the north-west. It is extremely deformed by pressure, and more nearly resembles the Blaini conglomerate of the Simla neighbourhood than anything I have seen. With it is associated a small lenticular band of limestone, doubtless of Infra-Trias age. The same band of limestone may be traced at intervals round that part of the range lying north-west of the Duruh N. It appears west of Umur Khanuh, and again between Sobruh to Mohut in a continuous outcrop parallel to the bank of the Indus R. This limestone does not anywhere pass downwards into purple quartzites, sandstones, shales, and conglomerates, as in the typical Sirban area. On the contrary, it appears interbedded with white and pink *Tanol* quartzites. At Mohut there are two distinct bands of the limestone as skewn in fig. 49.

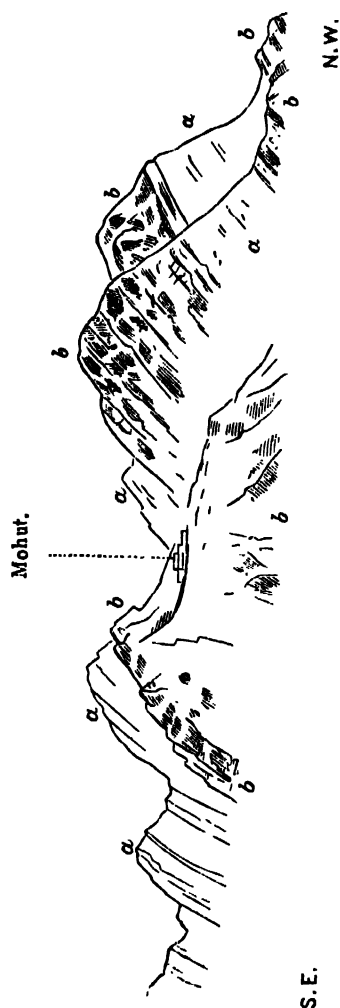


Fig. 49.

*a* = Pinkish and pale greenish-white quartzites.

*b* = Dark flesh-coloured Infra-Trias limestone weathering dark brown.

### *Sections in the Black Mountain.*

The southern part of the Black Mountain, which was that visited by me with the expedition of 1891, adjoins Tanawal on the north, and

Agror on the west, whilst it has as its western boundary the Indus R. It is really only a small patch of country of about 64 square miles, descending in steep ridges and ravines from the crest of the Black Mountain ridge to the Indus. The steepness of the slopes may be gathered from the fact that a descent from 8,160 ft. to 1,500 ft. takes place within a horizontal distance of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Again, the drop from Makranai to the Indus is from 4,550 ft. to 1,400 ft. in one mile, which gives a gradient of 3 in 5. The highest peaks on the main ridge are Machai, 9,825 ft., and Ákhund Bába, 9,170 ft., which, with all the higher parts of the same, are covered with dense forest of Biar, Paludar, etc. The slopes nearly everywhere steepen downwards near the bed of the river, a fact which, together with the large scale of this profound valley, may be realised when it is remarked that during the expedition the brigade taking the hill route *viá* Tilli and Ril had to plough their way through deep snow, whilst the river column marched through rain and mud, the operations of the one being generally completely hidden from the sight of the other.

A word is perhaps necessary to explain why I have taken such an out-of-the-way bit of country for detailed description when I might have addressed myself to the more familiar and easily accessible parts of the country in Hazara itself. The reason is that having been deputed with the Hazara Field Force, my movements were limited within the area occupied by our troops; and as no one could say (when the operations began) how far afield we might or might not go, we could not know that we should be confined to the aforesaid 64 square miles. Such, however, turning out to be the case, I could do nothing but study this small area in as close detail as possible. Hence it comes about that it forms one of the portions of the crystalline and metamorphic zone which I have sampled and taken as typical of the whole.

The rocks exposed in the Black Mountain, and also along the approaches to it up the Indus river, belong to the divisions (3), (4), and (5), or the more intensely crystalline rocks, presumably representatives of the Slate series on the main, and with great intrusive

masses or sills of gneissose-granite and dykes of a plagioclase-augite rock (see p. 51). None of the metamorphosed Infra-Trias or *Tanols* are known to be represented.

These rocks from a petrographical point of view have been described in the chapter on the stratigraphical elements, and I shall now give some account of the rocks (as briefly as possible) shewing their geotectonic inter-relations.

The first section I shall take (indicated in the margin) is by way of linking up the observations in Tanawal with the Black Mountain. Budhauruh lies north of the Doodha mountain *Tanols*, and the section from it to Derbund *via* Lalo Gulee is as follows:—As far as the latter place it crosses somewhat diagonally over the outcropping edges of the beds whose strike is generally N.W.—S.E. About the position of the first “h” of Budhauruh there are dykes of decomposed trap which are continuous with those near the “n” of Budgiran. They occur apparently interbedded with quartz-schists and with a single thin layer of white crystalline marble. Further on, nearly as far as Sunvai, the rocks become more markedly metamorphic and schistose, with a few trap dykes, and with large quantities of graphitic schists streaking the hill-sides with black. With them is some hæmatite, and an efflorescence of alum in thin lines near the stream below Sunvai.

At Sunvai there occur some very thick beds of white and buff-coloured crystalline limestone, which outcrop up the hill-side in a north-westerly direction. On the road north-east of the “i” of Sunvai, the first bed of very much decomposed gneissose-granite sets in. It is not very coarsely crystalline and is not porphyritic. It is very distinctly foliated in places.

Then follows, as far as the second little gulee on the road north-west of the “S” of Sunvai, a very irregular plexus of fine bands of trap, gneissose-granite, and mica-schist, alternating with each other. Individually mapping these bands, except diagrammatically, would be impossible.

Further north-west again, beyond the little gulee just referred to, the distinction between the schists and the gneissose-granite becomes less marked, and we arrive among rocks with mica-schist as a basis, and among which the granite in  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch bands has been injected as if under enormous pressure, and in a most complicated way (see p. 68). These continue the whole way down to Lalo Gulee, but vary a little in the relative importance of the different rock-elements. In this direction also the strike begins to bend round more to the N.N.W., until at Lalo Gulee itself, in the valley of the Indus, the strike is more generally N.—S., and sometimes E. of N.

The fine bands, veins, or fingers of gneissose-granite which we have met with between Sunvai and Lalo Gulee are not continued towards the south-east. They would appear to die out in a feather-edge like the similar veins on the Sirun R.

Beyond Lalo Gulee up the Indus to Deruh the strike continues N.—S. or generally with the course of the river, which it here seems to have influenced. The dip of the foliation planes is W.

The river-gravels above Lalo Gulee are washed for gold in the usual native fashion common in India.

As far as Derbund the same rocks continue, the strike varying between N.N.W. and N.N.E., and the hill-sides descend towards the river in huge foliation planes. Between Derbund and Phuldar nothing but schists are visible, slightly garnitiferous, and ill-exposed beneath the Recent gravels.

Travelling up the Indus from Derbund, as far as Shingri in the Black Mountain country, our course is north-wards. Beyond that *viâ* Kotkai and Bakrai to Bimbal<sup>1</sup> and Dedal, the river bends like an S. (beginning at the bottom). The general strike is continuously northwards sometimes to the E. and sometimes to the W. of it. The rocks exposed are of the usual kind found in the crystalline, and

Sections along the  
Indus R. above Der-  
bund.

<sup>1</sup> The Black Mountain names are spelled in the modern way.

metamorphic zone. Schists with basic dyke intrusions are most common as far as a little to the west of Kotkai; after which the granite appears in some fairly thick and many very thin bands, all running parallel to the foliation strike of the schists and of the trap dykes, which are foliated at their margins.

Notwithstanding this, many examples are to be seen of the dark dykes actually cutting across the edges of the foliation planes of the schists and gneissose-granite, as for instance three miles N. of Goomti, also opposite Gházikot and Kunhâr (see fig. 50).

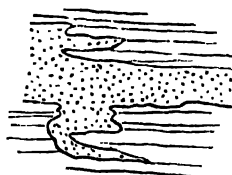


Fig. 50.

Graphitic schists like those mentioned in the Gundgurrh range are found on the hill-sides S. of Kotkai, about 1,000 feet above the river-bed, also near Bimbal in the bed of the river associated with crystalline limestone.

During our course along this section one is very much impressed by the intricately parallel way in which the schists are banded with thick or thin veins of the granite or of the basic trap. The grey schists, the white granite, and the dark green or black trap form a 'complex' of parallel layers distinctly visible, but far too numerous to be accurately rendered on any map.

At the junction of the Shal N. with the Indus there are some interesting features shewn in the river section which I will endeavour

vour to describe briefly. The following sketch-section, fig. 51, is 100 yards in length and represents the main points to be observed.



In it *a* represents gneissose-granite, non-porphyrific, with lenticular-tabular foliation parallel to that of the other rocks and to the junction planes of the other rocks: *b* represents interbandings of the gneissose-granite with a dark schistose or gneissic rock: *c* (specimen lost in transit). These interbandings are so complete that the granite bands gradually die out and towards the east become mere veins crossing, and parallel to the foliation of the gneissic rock (see also diagram, p. 76): *d* is a compact non-foliated trap of greenish-black colour and with no veins of the granite invading it: *e* is a schist as described, p. 58. Its foliation is parallel to that of the other rocks: there are some few veins of granite *a* in it also which gradually increase in number and fineness. The veins ultimately fill the rock and vary in size from a thickness of 1 foot to 1 inch or less.

Before leaving the valley of the Indus we must not forget to note the recent river-gravels which present some features worthy of attention. The hill-sides beyond Shingri and Kotkai rise steeply from the river-bed in great convex slopes steepening downwards. The bottom of the valley is sometimes narrow and gorge-like, but sometimes it spreads out into a wide plain 1 to  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile across. The bottoms of these valleys are filled with gravel and alluvium which are spread out as terraces, or which slope down as detrital fans from the mountain glens. In the wide valley at Derbund, and between Shingri



and Kotkai, there are in addition a large number of huge boulders of gneissose-granite, sometimes as much as 20 feet in diameter. These are scattered about among the alluvium, and a view of them from the hill-sides is rather peculiar, as they seem to litter the ground as if thrown there in sport by some supernatural agency. I could find upon them no evidence of the action of ice, nor does there seem much difficulty in rationally accounting for them without that agency when we know that the high ridge immediately above the valley near Pailam has the gneissose-granite *in situ* in great thickness.

Well-rounded river-boulders occur in horizontal beds at certain places on the hill-sides and at great heights above the present river-bed. For instance, at Diliari and on the hill-sides at Bimbal these beds are 2,000 feet above the river. They are undistinguishable from the similar gravels now in the process of formation by the Indus R. The amount of erosion of the present river indicated by them is therefore enormous. As a parallel case further down the river I may here refer to the very similar gravels situated at the summit of the hill behind Kalabagh in the Salt-Range.

Blown sand in the form of gentle dunes occurs in the wider parts of the valley as at Towara.

If we ascend the hill-sides to the east of the Indus by a series of E.N.E.—W.S.W. parallel routes such as those from Kotkai to Tilli, from Ghazikot to Makranai and Abu fort, from Bakrai to Seri, or from Darbanrai to Kand, we pass directly across the strike of the various rock elements of this crystalline zone. They all exhibit a foliation dip in towards the higher crest of the ridge, at the usual fairly steep angles in the lower part of the valley, and slackening off towards the crest of the ridge. The lower slopes are a continuation of the rocks as we saw them in the valley of the Indus. But as we ascend, the rocks first become a more pure and simple mica-schist, sometimes garnitiferous, and then there follow a few thin bands of gneissose-granite which are a prelude to the in-coming of a very broad and massive band or sill of the same  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in width, and which, outcrop-

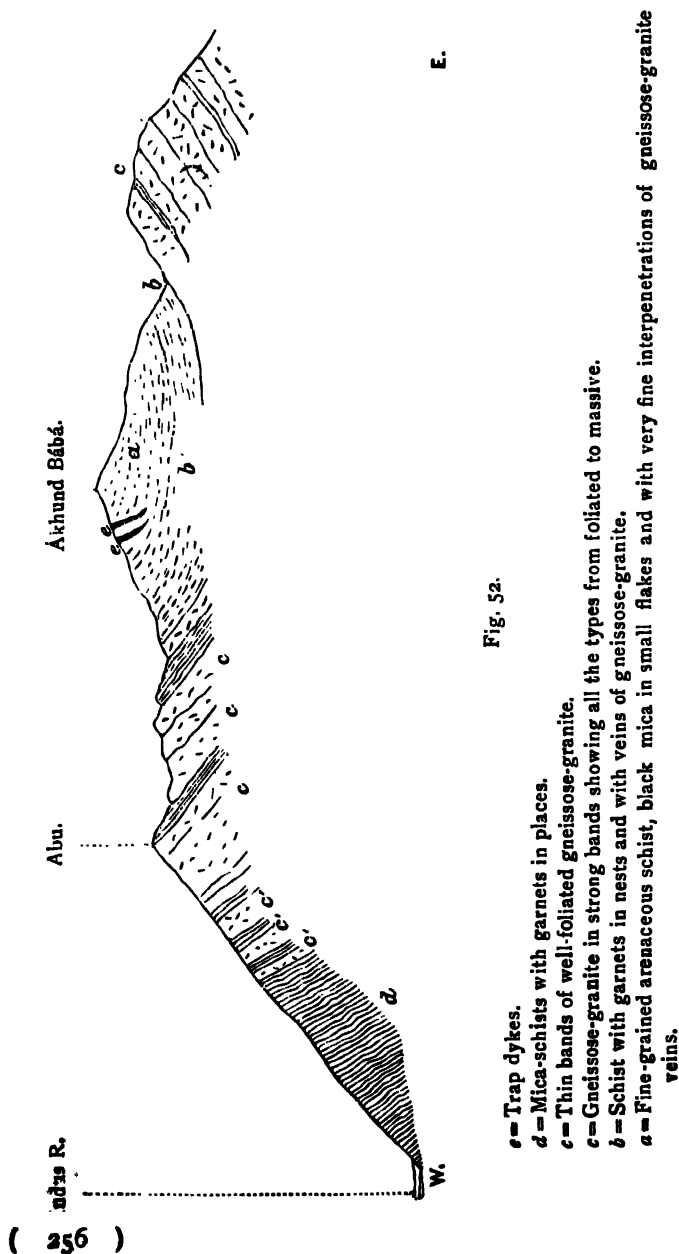
Sections across the main ridge of the Black Mountain.

ping N.N.W.—S.S.E., characterises the line of country from Tilli *viā* Ril, Naranj and Bukal to Najorian. There is then a narrow interval of interbanded gneissose-granite and schists, and then follows a second thick sill of gneissose-granite, similar to, but more massive than, the last, and taking a parallel line from the west scarp of Panjigali *viā* Landai to a little west of the high crest (8,160 feet) above Kand. Trap dykes at certain places, especially on the ridge west of 8,160 feet summit, interrupt the granite in parallel very thin outcrops. The rest of the way up to the crest of the Black Mountain ridge is over schistose rocks invaded and permeated by narrow strings of the granite and by isolated crystals of felspar, but without any very important bands of massive gneissose-granite.

Inasmuch as the crest of the ridge from Panjigali takes a north easterly course to Bampurkali, after which it again travels north- or north-north-west, it is clear that the north-easterly trending part traverses diagonally across the strike of these thin-bedded permeated and injected schists (as described above). The highest summit of the ridge, Ákhund Báábá, 9,170 feet, caps the middle of this part of the ridge and represents, as far as one can see, the top bed of this great crystalline ascending series, which is here rather arenaceous and with fine interpenetrations of the granite. For, east of that summit, we appear to pass through a descending series of the same order as on the west side up which we have come, and finally at Bampur we arrive again at great massive beds of the gneissose-granite, the representative of one or other or both of the Tilli-Ril or Panjigali-Landai bands. This is plainly indicated on the south-east slopes of the Ákhund Báábá part of the ridge by the Bampurkali band passing continuously *viā* Sumbalbat, Kotli Maidan, and Rahimkot to Pabalgali, thus completing half an ellipse of outcrop.

Below Rahimkot the strata turn over and dip in the opposite direction. The long straight ridge going towards Thati and the two long straight parallel ridges going towards the summit of Bahingra seem to follow the general strike of the crystalline rocks,—*i.e.*, N.N.W.—S.S.E.

I give below, fig. 52, a section through the main Black Mountain ridge, crossing the summit of Ákhund Bá bá and the general strike :—



The following points may be mentioned with regard to the sections, the salient structural features of which I have just sketched :—

Beds of earthy hæmatite and limonite occur 1 mile E. of 8,160 feet hill on the ridge towards Machai. They are evidently secondarily formed from the magnetite in the rock which locally becomes somewhat important. The same is found also near Torani where it had been worked in the deserted village of Sokar. The same band probably crops out on the Ákhund Báábá—Seri road, as pieces were brought me by Major (now Colonel) Greenstreet, R.E., from that locality. Large schorl crystals are found in the white granite at Panjigali. Due west of Shingli on the Panjigali ridge there is a trap dyke shewing five-sided columnar structure. The form of surface denudation which goes on in the higher parts of the ridge is well exemplified at Bampur gali where, slightly below the loose snow but where snow had recently been, there were large flows of solidified mud of an ochre colour and sometimes in a semi-liquid condition. They seem to represent the disintegrating surface of the crystalline rocks which has been slowly formed under the snow and kept prisoner for a long time, instead of being carried regularly away. When the snow melts a discharge of great volumes of such mud down the valleys must take place.

*Crystalline and Metamorphic zone as a whole.*

From the samples I have given of this zone, and from such knowledge as we possess of the parts of it not referred to by me we may come to the following conclusions with regard to it :—

- (1) That it may be divided into an inner and an outer tract, the outer one nearer the plains including examples of metamorphosed Infra-Trias and "Tanols," and the inner one ascending towards the greater ranges shewing nothing but the metamorphosed Slate series in complex combination with veins, ribs, and sills of gneissose-granite.
- (2) We have thus two metamorphic series, a younger and an older, and whilst the latter is penetrated and altered by the granite and also by the subsequently intruded basic

dykes, the younger series (Infra-Trias and "Tanols") is only penetrated by the basic dykes.

- (3) That as regards disturbance with crumpling of the strata, the thin-bedded older metamorphic series is the one that has suffered most severely along the outer margins of the area where the granite veins are absent or of minor importance ; but that further inwards towards the higher ranges the same rocks have been (in a measure) protected from contortion and folding on a large scale, owing to the great resistance offered by the thick and massive sills of gneissose-granite. Thus it is that the higher hill masses exhibit gentle dips in the foliation of their schists, and also in regard to the junction planes between them and the granite, which, as has been frequently stated, are generally parallel to each other ; hence it is also that the higher isolated crystalline massifs exhibit a qua-quaversal dip all round them of their component strata, and hence it is that there are such great variations in the strike, with the occasional persistence over relatively large areas of N.W.—S.E. strikes (as in the Black Mountain).
- (4) That such an arrangement is not peculiar to this part of the northern backbone of India, but has been noticed and described by me in previous papers on the crystalline and metamorphic rocks of the Himalaya, especial reference being made to the Chor mountain, Kaloghari (Lansdowne) and Dudatoli ; whilst Mr. Medlicott long ago commented on the same peculiarity.
- (5) That as regards the younger metamorphic series the crumpling and folding, though fairly intense, is distinctly less than that of the older series wherever the two are found together.
- (6) Comparing the zone as a whole with its neighbour zone to the south (the Slate zone) we must notice, above all, the absence of any authenticated evidence for any rocks younger than the Infra-Trias—whilst they only occur

along its southern border—and the fact that it gives us somewhat abruptly, but with perfect finality, a set of metamorphic and crystalline rocks occupying corresponding areas and altitudes to those in the Slate zone which are characterised by the historical rocks ranging from the Slates to the Nummulitics.

## CHAPTER VII.—GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

In the foregoing chapters the geological structure of each of the zones has been given in considerable detail. It must not be imagined that every structural item, as collected in the field, has been presented to the reader. On the contrary, the great mass of material facts have, I hope, been judiciously sifted, so that only such as are of most intrinsic merit in explaining the geological history of Hazara, or necessary to establish the geological features as laid down on the map and sections, have been brought forward. Still the amount of detailed description is considerable, and it would have been very hard indeed if no results of a general nature could be deduced from them.

As a preliminary to such I may point out that the geological boundaries were laid down on a map twice the detailed accuracy of map. scale of that accompanying this memoir, and that even then much detail had to be suppressed, which, wherever possible, has been inserted in the sections. No one knows better than a geologist within what wide limits geological accuracy as represented in maps can vary, but I think I may, from the considerations given above, and without egotism, claim that the boundaries of the various formations are as accurately reproduced on the map as its scale would allow. In most cases my notes and sections would have sufficed to produce a much more detailed delineation had the scale and topography of the map admitted of it. Thus, any superstructure of deduction and generalisation that I shall now attempt to raise on the material furnished in the foregoing chapters must be understood to have a reasonably firm basis in facts as represented

on the map. As to whether these deductions are sound or not the reader must judge for himself; but he may rest assured that they are not vitiated by that worst of all fault, *vis.*, distorted, inaccurate, or merely guessed at stratigraphy.

In the chapters just concluded a number of comparisons have been instituted among the four disturbance zones, which tend to show that each of them has an individuality of its own marked by many features peculiar to itself. It will be necessary to examine a little more closely the varying physical aspects under which each zone appears. For the sake of clearness, the four zones with their alphabetical signs, and arranged in their geographical order, are recapitulated here:—

#### N.-W.

- (A) Crystalline and metamorphic zone.
- (B) Slate, or Abbottabad zone.
- (C) Nummulitic zone.
- (D) U. Tertiary zone.

#### S.E.

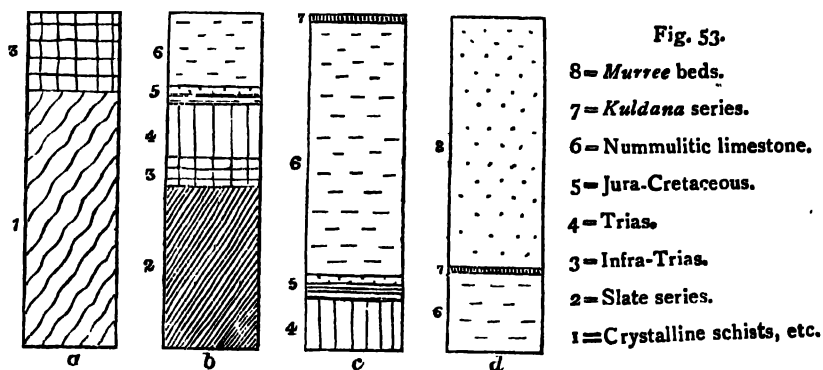
- (A) may furthermore be known as the innermost zone, and
- (D) as the outermost.

It has already been insisted on that the zones differ from each other in a marked way by the varying levels at which certain formations occur in them. As an instance I may repeat that in the Slate zone the Trias generally occupies a rather elevated position, forming the first storey so to speak of the hilly superstructure and reposing on the Slate series as a foundation, whereas the same formation in the Nummulitic zone holds a much lower place being itself the structural foundation of that zone; whilst lastly, in the U. Tertiary zone it is completely buried out of sight. I shall now state the case generally for any formation.

Relative elevation of the earth's crust in the different zones.

If in any zone a number of vertical sections be taken, each extending from the highest point visible on a prominent ridge down to the lowest point attainable in a stream-bed, and if from all these

sections a mean or average section be calculated, we shall find that each formation in the resulting mean section occupies or spreads through a definite vertical range. Similarly, if for any other zone another mean vertical section be calculated, this resulting section will be found to differ from the previous one in the relative levels or vertical ranges of each of the composing formations. In fig. 53, diagrams *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, represent four such mean vertical sections, de-



duced respectively for the zones A, B, C, and D. With reference to their construction which here has been chiefly of a graphical kind, it may be remarked that greater accuracy in the resulting mean position of each formation might be obtained if necessary, and the greatest possible accuracy if a large map showing true contours were available. The general principles involved are, however, independent of such extreme accuracy.

For the sections *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d*, a very simple law is seen to hold good, namely, that the mean level of a formation rises as we proceed through the sections from *d* to *a*, or sinks as we proceed in the opposite direction. For instance, following out the Nummulitic formation we see that in *d* it occupies the base of the section, in *c* a middle position, in *b* an uppermost position, whilst in *a* it is unrepresented. Similarly, following the Infra-Trias formation, it is at the top of the section in *a*, it occupies a middle position in *b*, and is lost to sight in *c*: and so on for any formation.



An expansion of the above law applied to the zones themselves states that more upheaval of the earth's crust as a whole has taken place in zone A than in zone B, more in B than in C, and more in C than in D.

Having seen that the disturbance of the earth's crust as represented by the relative elevation or upheaval of each of the zones is a quantity which varies with decreasing amount as we travel from N.W. to S.E., we may now enquire whether there is any corresponding variation in the amount of that disturbance as represented by the compression (folding, faulting, cleavage, shearing, etc.) sustained by the various zones. Taking the simplest case first we will compare the outermost and innermost zones with each other (zone D with zone A). As has already been explained, zone D, or the U Tertiary zone, is very imperfectly represented in Hazara where only the northern edge of it is included. Its typical aspect is only seen away from the hills towards and beyond Rawalpindi. There, as recorded by Mr. Wynne, the greater part of the zone is a plateau with gently rolling and sometimes nearly horizontal dip, whilst not infrequently ranges of small hills or elevations are composed of nearly unaltered symmetrical anticlinals. Secondly, all the rocks of this zone are soft sandstones, sand-rock, shales, or conglomerates, entirely unaltered in a metamorphic sense, and only differing from Recent accumulations of the same kind by being slightly indurated and by their gently inclined positions. Contrast the gentle undulations of this zone with the highly flexured condition of the crystalline and metamorphic zone A, as depicted in the various sketch-sections in the body of this memoir; contrast the plain flat surface of the one with the rugged and precipitous character of the other; and lastly, contrast the hardly consolidated sandstones and conglomerates of the one with the cleaved, sheared, faulted, and metamorphosed condition of the other. If this be done we shall be obliged to conclude that as regards the outermost and innermost zones there is a great difference in the amount of the lateral compression indicated by each, and that

Relative compression  
of the earth's crust in  
the different zones.

it is incalculably greater in the latter than in the former. Thus the zone that indicated the greatest elevation exhibits also the greatest compression and *vice versa*.

Between zone A and zone B, though we might not be able to trace out contrasting amounts in the coarser effects or larger foldings of the strata, yet, descending to the minuter structure of the rocks, we must at once be made aware of the marked way in which zone A has yielded to compression in this respect as compared with zone B. What were slates originally in A have become divided through and through by a completely new set of foliation planes along which a fresh mineralization has taken place; what was an ordinary conglomerate (the Infra-Trias) composed of great blocks and boulders oriented in any way in a fine shaley matrix has become a *slate*, or a faintly glistening schist. In some extreme cases as we have seen (p. 55) earth movements with compression have acted on this easily-traced rock to such an extent that the flattened and drawn-out pebbles would with difficulty be recognised did not stratigraphical evidence point conclusively to its former condition. As regards the coarse sandstones and limestones belonging to the same epoch, zone A tells a similar tale of differential movements of the minuter particles of the rocks, specimens from which at Bilihana mountain and the Gundgurh have been particularly described (Chapter I, pages 56, 57).

But though these effects of compression vary greatly in zone A, they are absent or very nearly absent in zone B; and though in the Gundgurh hills and near Gurhee-Hubeebooluh there are signs of a gradual passage from the slates to the metamorphic schists, the line of change, albeit a gradual one, is extremely well-marked and shows no fluctuations on either side, that is to say, no recurrence or interbeddings of metamorphic rocks with non-metamorphic rocks. In other words, the change from the Slate zone B to the Metamorphic zone A, though gradual, is rapid and irrevocable.

I do not think I need urge more proofs to establish the statement that zone A, which showed a greater general elevation than zone

B, also shews a greater compression, as evinced in the finer structural details of the rocks.

Taking now for consideration the different amounts of compression marking the Nummulitic zone C from the U. Tertiary zone D, we shall find no difficulty in recognising the great contrasts in the nature and amount of the folding of these respective zones. It would only be tedious to insist again on facts abundantly illustrated in the descriptive part of this book, as regards the Nummulitic zone, and on the facts as represented in Mr. Wynne's sections for the U. Tertiary zone. Here, as before, the more elevated zone C is more compressed than its south-eastern neighbour D.

It is only when we come to contrast the Slate zone B with the Nummulitic zone C, in the above respect, that opinion halts for a moment to consider; and it would not be perhaps fair to draw too rigid a conclusion from the figured horizontal sections which are not continuous with one another. Nevertheless, I think that, disregarding details, we may draw a general conclusion to the effect that the flexures and fold-faults in zone B are grander, straighter, and tend (especially along the northern sub-zone) more to an isoclinal nature than in zone C. As illustrating this we may note the long straight outcrops coinciding with the strike of the rocks in the former, and the winding and V-ing outcrops which predominate over much of the area of the latter. At least it cannot be said that the law is reversed in this case.

Thus we find that just as the amount of the disturbance of the zones, gauged by their general upheaval, decreases in a south-easterly direction, so also does their disturbance, inferred from the lateral compression they have suffered, steadily and regularly decrease in the same way zone for zone.

The relative difference between the different zones in the matter of the amount of denudation which they have suffered has been considerably dilated upon already in the descriptive orography and summary of each zone. It has been abundantly shown that the zone most backward in this respect is the outermost

Relative amount of denudation of the earth's crust in the various zones.

or U. Tertiary zone, that its north-western neighbour the Nummulitic zone is somewhat less backward, whilst the Slate zone, and the Crystalline and metamorphic zone, respectively show signs of a more complete or prolonged denudation.

Altogether then, taking the zones in order from A to D, that is to say, from north-west to south-east, we find them to be in unison as regards the amount of elevation, compression, and denudation which they have suffered : zone A has been most elevated, most compressed, and most denuded ; whilst as we travel south-east through the other zones in order we find that they have successively been less elevated, less compressed, and less denuded.

There are two principal views which may be held as to the cause of the above three-fold progression ; we may either regard it as the joint result of a varying *intensity* of the activities at work, that they were more energetic in zone A than in zone B, and so on ; or, allowing their intensity to have remained constant throughout the whole area, we may account for the different progressive results by supposing that the *time* during which those activities were at work varied instead, a view of the matter which would range the zones in order of age  $A > B > C > D$ .

A third view compounded of the other two is of course possible also.

For the present we must leave the question an open one until we have considered some other points which bear upon it.

Turning to a consideration of the boundary faults which lie on the south side of each of the three more northern zones of disturbance, we may note specially about them :—

Remarks on the boundary faults to the south of each zone.

- (1) Their parallelism to the *general* strike of the adjacent formations : a fact which marks them as being of the nature of fold-faults, or highly dipping thrust-planes.
- (2) Their characters as being lines dividing one zone from another : thereby indicating how the extra elevation and compression of each zone found relief by the packing up

of the strata, and by sliding over its neighbour zone to the south-east.

Let us take each boundary fault and consider its history. Inasmuch as the least elevated, least compressed, and least denuded zone, namely, the U. Tertiary zone, lies chiefly outside the area covered by this memoir, and as it is the datum line from which we are reckoning the varying disturbances of each zone, we need say nothing regarding the relations it bears to the Recent zone of *no* elevation which lies to the south of it. Any fault or line of flexuring, such as is represented by the scarped edge of the Salt Range, is at present in an incomplete and transient stage; and as such, it would not bear comparison with the others until the time when the Recent deposits are themselves upheaved into another disturbance zone. But coming to the great winding fault between the U. Tertiary zone and the Nummulitic zone, which has been known right along the Himalaya as the main-boundary fault since Mr. Medlicott first discovered its existence and interpreted its meaning, we are able to draw some important deductions from it. Its general course in Hazara, curving up the bed of the Jhelum, and the return curve on the other side of the Jhelum in Kashmir, together with the behaviour of the Upper Tertiary rocks towards it, have been detailed in the last chapter but one. For details concerning its further course along the Himalayan mountain-foot the reader may consult the references given below.<sup>1</sup> All the evidence gathered concerning it tends to show that it was not paroxysmal, but that it grew gradually as the Himalaya extended their provinces by incorporating with them the deposits now forming the Sub-Himalaya. Similarly, all evidence goes to show that this fault approximately marks the limit of deposition for the Murree beds of the Upper Tertiaries in a northerly direction. In Hazara we seem to possess a particular proof of this in the long, thin, synclinal strips of the Kuldana beds enfolded in the Nummulitic zone. Their uniform narrow width precludes the idea

<sup>1</sup> Medlicott—Note upon the Sub-Himalayan Series in the Jamu hills, Rec. Geol. Surv. of India, Vol. IX, pt. 2, 1876, and Mem. Geol. Surv. of India, Vol. III.

that at least several thousand feet of Murree sandstones were once superposed on them, and forces the natural conclusion that at or about the beginning of the Murree stage, at a time when little more than the purple and gypsiferous Kuldana beds had been spread over what is now the Nummulitic zone, the latter was gradually upheaved, and a limit of deposition formed for the succeeding thick beds of the Murree sandstones. At the same time the preliminary phase of the main-boundary fault began. As the Nummulitic zone grew in height, the undulating strata wrapped the Kuldana beds in synclinal folds and the boundary fault became more marked as a line of differential earth movement, on one side of which the undulating Nummulitics were forced southwards and upwards, and on the other side of which the accumulating Murree sandstones were forced northwards and downwards.

How long a time, geologically speaking, a boundary fault such as this took to form, cannot be very accurately gauged, but that it began in early Murree times, and practically ended when the younger Siwalik sand-rock and conglomerates were depositing, seems a safe conclusion. Apart from the special case here considered, I take it for granted that a fault of this description cannot be of a paroxysmal kind; it has nothing in common with a normal fault; it bears no relation whatever to a rock-fissure or crack that we might conceive of as having been formed by a sudden snapping or rupturing of the rocks. It seems to me a weak point in geological nomenclature that such lines of relative earth-movement were ever classed with faults at all; but that they have been makes it all the more necessary to scrupulously define them.

Turning our attention now to the next boundary fault to the north-west, namely, that between the Nummulitic and the Slate zones, we find, from the presence of Nummulitic limestone to the north of it as outliers in the Slate zone, that that fault cannot be regarded as a limit of deposition for the Nummulitic limestone. On the other hand, from the absence of Kuldana beds north of the fault, it seems pro-

Boundary fault between the Nummulitic and Slate zones.

bable that it was a limit for those beds, their argillaceous and estuarine character bearing out the same view. Hence we must date that boundary fault as having been in the main completed since the Nummulitic limestone was formed, and probably before or just at the beginning of the deposition of the Murree beds.

The next boundary fault, or line of weakness, between the Slate and Metamorphic zones, cannot be dated so accurately. It must, however, be younger than the Infra-Trias, and it most probably went on forming *pari passu* with the deposition of the Trias. It nowhere shows itself as cutting or truncating any rocks younger than the Trias.

Boundary fault or line of weakness between the Slate and Crystalline and metamorphic zones.

Thus, each boundary fault is older as we travel north-west across the zones; and since we must regard them as the great lines of relief which allowed the much folded rocks of each zone to respond to the growing horizontal compression by sliding *en masse* over the younger deposits which were forming to the south, we have here an argument for the gradual upheaval of the various disturbance zones at successive geological epochs. Thus as regards age we find it true that zone  $A > B > C > D$ .

This practically answers the question propounded above as to the cause of the different degrees of upheaval, compression, and denudation which mark the disturbance zones; inasmuch as the different effects of the tangential stresses tending to compress the earth's crust laterally, may be most simply understood as due to the different periods of time during which they have been at work: in other words, the older the zone the more it has been elevated, compressed, and denuded. The above hypothesis seems altogether more reasonable than one involving a different local intensity of the tangential forces, an assumption in support of which no arguments can be brought forward drawn from the rocks themselves, and one which requires a further assumption concerning the direction and origin of those tangential stresses.

Cause of the different degrees of upheaval, compression, and denudation in each zone.

From the foregoing, the division of Hazara into zones of disturbance, and the regarding of these zones as marking different stages of upheaval of the earth's crust, seem warranted by the facts of the case. But Hazara is only a small slice out of

Enquiry as to how far the above zonal structure is continued out by the limits of Hazara.

the great chain of mountains that surround India on its north-west and north sides. For the above generalizations to possess any meaning with reference to the whole of that chain, it is necessary to show at least a probability in favour of their applicability to adjoining portions of it. In order to do this, reference must be made to those geological papers and maps which deal with the neighbouring areas west and east of Hazara. But even then the fitting of a theory which depends entirely on close mapping on the scale of 1 inch = 1 mile, to work done by other men is somewhat unsatisfactory, especially considering the small scale of the mapping of such parts of the Punjab, Afghanistan, and Kashmir as have been examined by them. In pointing out, therefore, certain possible ways by which my zonal divisions established in Hazara, may be carried along in a westerly and easterly direction, I wish it to be understood that I am not dogmatizing, but merely *suggesting*. It is more than probable that these suggestions will afterwards require much retouching to bring them into harmony with facts.

Mr. Wynne's map and descriptions of part of the Punjab<sup>1</sup> shew that the U. Tertiary zone, as defined by me, continues with all its characteristics in a westerly direction. Its northern faulted boundary is shewn as such passing along the southern foot of the Chitapahar for about 35 miles, and crossing the Indus half way between Attock and Khushialgurh. A line of faulting to the south of this, running by the Khairmurut ridge, and through Jhand to the Indus below Khushialgurh, marks off a sub-zone in the southern part of the U. Tertiary zone; and a similar line of faulting, with a southern sub-zone to the east of the Jhelum, is described by Lydekker<sup>2</sup> on the inner side of the Siwaliks, and separating them generally from the Murree beds to the north: but

Zonal structure in W. Punjab.

<sup>1</sup> Rec. G. S. of I. Vol. X, p. 3, 1877.

<sup>2</sup> Geology of Kashmir, p. 86.



this by the way. Throughout the whole of this western continuation of the zone, even in its more northern and more disturbed sub-zone north of Jhand and the Khairemurt range, the folding of the rocks, their upheaval and relative denudation have been insufficient to expose anything lower than the Nummulitic stage.

As regards the continuation of my next zone, the Nummulitic zone, in the same direction, we find that the line of its northern boundary is hidden under Recent accumulations of the Hurroh and Indus rivers until the Cherat hills are reached, when its normal faulted boundary again appears. To the south of that line this continuation of my Nummulitic zone shows, as in Hazara, the same distribution of the formations from Trias to Kuldana beds with the same noticeable absence of any recorded exposure of the slates which presumably lie at some depth below the zone, but which the present stage of the upheaval, disturbance, and denudation has yet failed to bring to the light. As to any sharp division, faulted or only sudden, between the Slate zone and the Crystalline and Metamorphic zone in this direction information is wanting.

On the whole, then, it is my belief that, regarding the continuation-area west of Hazara, through the medium of Mr. Wynne's map and sections, we may see every likelihood that it too preserves many of those peculiarities of structure which I have defined as belonging to and characterising my zonal divisions in Hazara.

If reference be made to the comparatively recent paper by Mr. Griesbach on the geology of the Saféd Kóh,<sup>1</sup> we shall find, I think, abundant evidence shewing the persistence in this direction of a zonal structure similar to that of Hazara. At page 105, Mr. Griesbach considers the north skirting ranges of that mountain chain to be composed of old metamorphic with palæozoic rocks, much altered strata following as a belt south of it, and with possibly some strata of older mesozoic age wedged as narrow strips into the belt of the latter. He considers the main axis of the Saféd Kóh to belong probably to the older palæozoic group, whilst lastly, the southern skirting ranges

Continuation of the same structure into the Saféd Kóh Range.

<sup>1</sup> Rec. G. S. of I., Vol. XXV, pp. 59 *et seq.*

are composed chiefly of the mesozoic group with preponderance of its younger systems.

The points of resemblance between the structure of the Saifé Kóh and Hazara are therefore as follows :—

- (1) The old metamorphics with palæozoic rocks are only found in the northern belt of the northern skirting range.
- (2) The younger systems of the mesozoic group are only found in the southern skirting range.
- (3) In between these two there is the central range, and the southern part of the north skirting range, made up of older palæozoic with possibly strips of older mesozoic wedged into them.

The survey of the tract has not been carried out as yet in sufficient detail to admit of closer comparison.

Turning now in an easterly direction to Mr. Lydekker's work in Kashmir, it is necessary to remember with caution that whilst Wynne's map to the west is  $\frac{1}{4}$ th the scale of my map of Hazara, that of Kashmir by Lydekker is only  $\frac{1}{8}$ th of the same scale, or 16 miles to the inch. I have referred above to the fact that the faulted boundary dividing the U. Tertiary zone into sub-zones continues along east of the Jhelum into country examined by Lydekker. The northern representative of this sub-zone in Kashmir is not, however, differentiated from the Nummulitic zone, as in Hazara. So far as one can see from Lydekker's work the northern half of this zone and the Nummulitic zone are combined into one great zone, characterised chiefly by the presence at the surface of the ground of the Murree beds, but with numerous inliers along various lines of older rocks from Nummulitics through Jurassics and Trias. Here, then, we find a conspicuous difference between the fringing structure of the mountain-chain to the west and east of the Jhelum R. respectively. The discrepancy, it must be noted, does not however weaken my argument for the periodical and gradual upheaval of the mountain mass east of the Jhelum, but merely shows a slightly different combination of the activities which produced it.

As regards the northern boundary of this combined Nummulitic and Murree zone we see that it exactly reproduces the boundary to the north of the Nummulitic zone in Hazara, inasmuch as it presents the appearance of the Murree beds, dipping down against and in direct contact with the older Pre-Tertiary rocks of the "middle mountains" of Lydekker. At pp. 94-95 in his memoir, the above author endeavours to shew that the junction in question, though unconformable is a natural one of deposition. Although, I think, it might be possible to dispute this point with a considerable amount of success, it is not necessary for my argument to do so; for the great feature of this "main boundary" line, as it was originally called by Medlicott, is that it generally coincides with an approximate limit of deposition. Thus the Pre-Tertiary rocks north of the combined Nummulitic and Murree zone show signs of belonging to an earlier phase in the upheaval of the mountain area, inasmuch as, whether we believe that folding with production of a fold fault occurred along the line of junction or not, we must admit that the Pre-Tertiary zone of the "middle mountains" is an older one in point of formation and elevation if not in the matter of compression by lateral forces.

The Slate zone in Hazara we have found to be characterised by the presence of outliers of rocks from Trias to Nummulitics, in contradistinction to the crystalline and metamorphic zone, which shows nothing above the Infra-Trias rocks; and to be divided more or less sharply from it. In Kashmir it does not seem possible from the published descriptions to establish any such division, but it is clear from Mr. Lydekker's book that no metamorphic representatives of rocks from the Trias upwards are known.

If we travel further afield from Hazara along the foot of the Himalaya to Garhwál and Kumaun we shall find there, as I have described in my memoir on the Sub-Himalaya of those parts, that exactly similar zones of disturbance are to be met with. As the subject was treated in some detail in that memoir, I need not do more here than refer to it.

Zones of disturbance  
in Garhwál and Kumaun,  
Sub-Himalaya.









